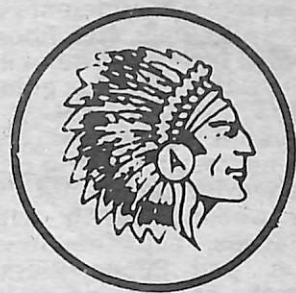


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Berkshire Power Announcement...

Plans For Transporting 332-Ton Generator Reaching Final Stages

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Delivery of the 332-ton generator for the Berkshire Power Plant on Moylan Lane could come as soon as this weekend.

After months of planning and engineering a route to transport the 332-ton generator to the Berkshire Power Plant on Moylan Lane, transportation specialists at the Holbrook, Massachusetts-based Hallamore Corporation are awaiting the necessary permit from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) before finalizing the route they will use in trucking the generator from Hartford to Agawam.

At presstime, Hallamore Project Manager Gregg T. Barry said as soon as the DOT permit has been issued, the local towns along the route will be notified. Although the exact date of the shipment won't be known until the permit is granted, the entourage will most likely set out on the 30-mile trek from Hartford to Agawam on a Saturday, reaching its destination on a Sunday when traffic is lightest.

"We're going to be doing this during the off-peak traffic hours," Barry said. "Our goals and objectives are to get there safely and to inconvenience as few people as possible along the way."

While neighbors of the power plant have been complaining of deliveries made outside the hours stipulated in the company's agreement with the Zoning Board of Appeals, Berkshire Power Project Manager Frank Basile said the Sunday delivery of the generator is a result of Connecticut DOT specifications for the transportation permit.

Furthermore, Basile said during the development process there was public testimony stating there would be large deliveries that may not be made according to the ZBA agreement because the DOT requirements would override the agreement.

"... Lessens The Impact On The Public ..."

"We certainly don't want to override local authority, but it is my thought that it will be better for Agawam to bring in this load on a Sunday," Basile said. "Historically, Hallamore and ABB (the European firm that built the generator) have chosen Saturdays and Sundays to make these moves because it lessens the impact on the public."

The 38-foot-long generator will be shipped on a trailer specially built to transport superwide loads. Spanning a lane-and-a-half of roadway, the trailer is 16-feet-wide with 116 hydraulically-controlled wheels that allow the huge dolly to pull over to the side of the road in order for emergency vehicles and traffic build-ups to pass by.

In Connecticut, the 220-foot-long entourage of trailer, pulling vehicle, and pushing vehicle will be escorted by the state police. Agawam police officers will escort the entourage from the state line to Shoemaker Lane onto the power plant site.

Barry said the shipment will not cause damage to the roadways, nor will it cause an interruption in utilities to the people living along the route because the height of the trailer is about two feet lower than the power lines.

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"Pass The Syrup!"



KELSEY REED, JOSHUA REED, and CAITLIN SIMPSON enjoyed themselves at the Agawam Lions' pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 1st, at the Lions' Den on the grounds of The Big E in West Springfield. (See related photos in "Families.") Advertiser News photo

by Jack Devine.

Honoring The Vets...



ON VETERANS' DAY (Wednesday, November 11th), John Brown of the Sons of the American Legion helped Legion Auxiliary member Pauline Brown with the placing of a wreath at the Agawam Veterans' Memorial Green. (See related photos inside.) Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Parish Association's 1st Community Project Vitalized By Volunteers

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

There could be over 100 volunteers helping to make the Agawam Parish Association's first community project a truly happy Thanksgiving.

Art Theobald, an Agawam resident and communicant of Bethany Assembly of God, has been overwhelmed and delighted by the response to the need for volunteers for this feast for gregarious people who simply "want to be with others on the Thanksgiving holiday."

The same purpose prevailed for the first Thanksgiving, which brought the Pilgrims and the Indians together for their dinner. The Agawam Parish Association's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. on November 26th. It promises to be a heartwarming and stomach-satisfying event.

A group of lay persons wanted to start doing something for the community, and discussions began last August between them and clergy from several of Agawam's churches. The Reverend Robert Donaldson from Feeding Hills Congregational Church and his family had been helping to serve Thanksgiving dinner at Mittineague Congregational Church.

Put on by the West Springfield Interfaith

Association, these Thanksgiving dinners have been a tradition for 16 years. Reverend Donaldson had been involved and suggested this as a project for Agawam's Parish Association.

Barbara & Chick Amsden help run the Mittineague dinner and, though they hail from West Springfield, attend Bethany Church in Agawam, so they attended the Parish Association's meetings and offered to help to bring an understanding of what would be involved to put on such a dinner.

Seeking Donations From Merchants...

The group wrote letters to merchants, asking for donations of goods, food, or money. Representatives from eight or nine churches have volunteered, and any church is welcome to join the organization. Knowledge of any persons shut in or cut off, who might need a meal and some company, would be greatly appreciated.

If you know of a person who needs a dinner and some company on Thanksgiving, call Carol at 786-1912. Calls can also go to Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 786-5061.

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*At Planning Board Meeting...***Riverside Outlines Master Plan For Future Of Park**by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Riverside Park's master plan to solve the traffic problem on Main Street while expanding and developing the park in the future was welcome news to town officials.

Premier Parks Chief Executive Officer Kieran Burke told the Planning Board his company has invested several million dollars in the pedestrian bridge being constructed to transport park patrons from the parking lot on the west side of Main Street to the park entrance, as well as in land acquisitions of about 70 acres on the west side of Main Street to be used for future parking lot expansion.

Park officials said their long-term master plan is based on a simple concept: all the rides and amusements will be on the east side of Main Street and all the parking and support services will be on the west side.

In addition to a number of smaller parcels located behind a row of houses and small businesses on the west side of Main Street, Riverside has purchased the 55 acres formerly owned by Boglisch and Sons Nursery. That parcel connects with the existing 1,300-space parking lot and will be used in the company's long-term parking plan.

Burke said the company will be "100 percent focused" on solving the traffic issues next year.

Attorney Anthony Bonavita said he was pleased with what the company was proposing and with the action taken by the Planning Board at member Dennis Hopkins' suggestion. Hopkins received the unanimous support of the board in requiring Riverside to apply to the Board of Appeals for permission to construct an overflow parking lot to accommodate an additional 400 cars next season. The company had only planned to add a net increase of about 40 parking spaces next year.

Bonavita, whose father owns the nearby Riverside Liquors, said, "The bridge is important in solving the stop and go traffic, but the 400-space overflow parking lot is just as key as far as I'm concerned," Bonavita said. "People who own homes and businesses here needed the assurance that any increase in Riverside's business would have an overflow lot for parking."

"The land acquisitions will give us a tremendous amount of flexibility in the future," Burke said.

Burke said the park's short-term plan to improve the guest experience and alleviate traffic jams on Main Street includes adding several new, large capacity rides to accommodate more riders; adding restaurants and bathrooms; improving the flow of patrons within the park; and expanding the lounge chair area of the waterpark to accommodate more patrons.

Burke said the unexpected success of the waterpark added to the traffic woes on Main Street because people were arriving at the same time after word got out that the park filled up early in the day. By making some modest improvements inside the waterpark, more guests can be accommodated and people won't feel they have to come to the park at the same time, Burke said.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the plan shows that Premier Parks is making a major commitment to solving the traffic problem.

"Most of what they'll be doing in 1999 is geared toward improving traffic and parking," Johnson said. "In the short term, they are spending millions of dollars to improve the traffic situation and in the long term, we expect the commitment to improving traffic will continue."

But, some neighbors of the park are skeptical that the plan will work while others are worried that the plan will work, leading to a resumption of the concert series and the unwelcome noise.

Last Thursday, about 50 townspeople attended an open house by Riverside officials for residents to have an opportunity to look over the expansion plans unveiled at Planning Board two weeks ago.

After looking over the series of aerial photographs outlining the park's long- and short-term plans for expansion on the east side of Main Street, and for parking lots on the west side of the street, Bob & Barbara Adamczyk, who live about a half-mile from the park on River Road, along with other close neighbors of the park, are worried that increasing traffic and noise will affect their property values and their ability to sell.

"There's no question that what they're doing will reduce the traffic problems," Adamczyk said. "But, I know they'll reestablish the concerts once the traffic eases and the noise will be back."

Adamczyk said he would like town officials to

consider setting a curfew on the times of the concerts. Other neighbors said they do not feel the town was doing enough to protect the interests of the homeowners living near the park. Neighbors say they are worried that what had been a quiet little park when owned by the Carroll family is going to turn into a Disneyland.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said the town is doing all it can to address the traffic problem through the site plan review process of the Planning Board and by working closely with Premier Park representatives, and the town Police, Fire, Engineering, and Public Works Departments to review traffic studies and make suggestions for improvements to the traffic plan.

Traffic Number One Concern

"Traffic is our number one concern with regard to Riverside Park, especially since Premier Parks bought out Six Flags," Ms. Dachos said. "We worked very diligently to get Riverside to conduct a traffic study, but the first study was not acceptable. We are awaiting the results of a second traffic study any day now. The most recent study is based on our concerns with the scope of the work."

Ms. Dachos said the new traffic study will include traffic counts at all the intersections on Main Street from the park entrance to Route 57, and will likely address issues of new signalization of the intersections to improve traffic flow and widening Main Street in front of the park.

While the town zoning code does not allow the town to place any restrictions on amusement parks other than the same setback (from the street) requirements all businesses must meet, the planned expansion of the park coupled with the plan to use the newly acquired land on the west side of Main Street for parking will trigger a review of Riverside's plan by the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA), Ms. Dachos said.

"We expect to begin the MEPA review process next winter and the town will have a great deal to say," Ms. Dachos said.

Both town officials and Premier Park representatives praised the spirit of cooperation between the two groups in working toward solving the traffic situation.

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- Benjamin Disraeli




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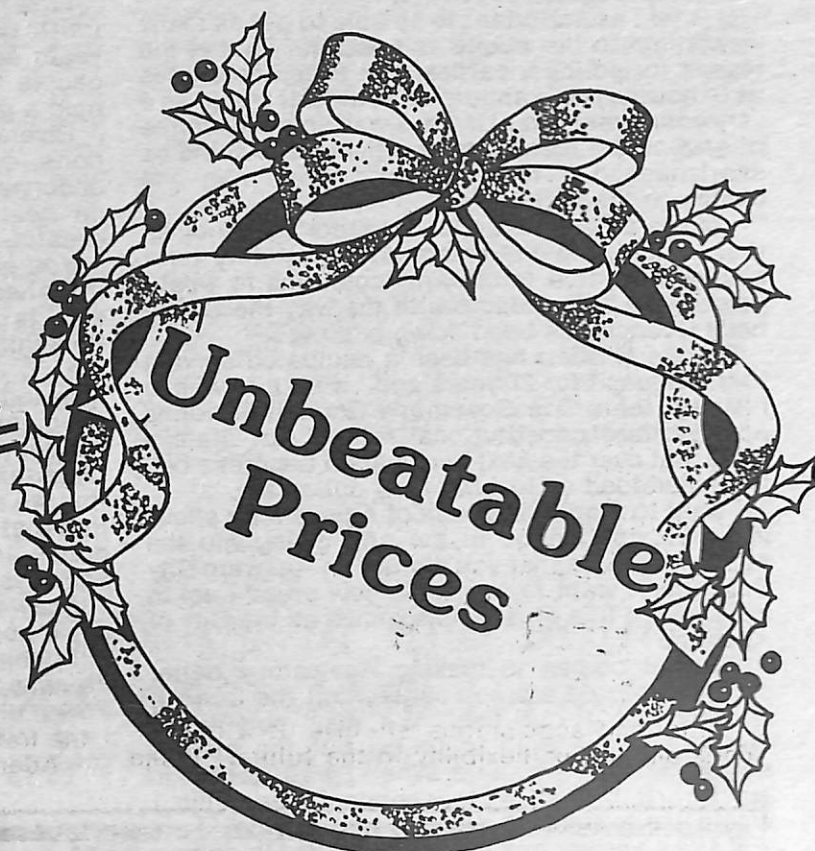
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Letters To The Editor

Magovern Thanks Agawam Voters For Campaign Support

To The Editor:

Dear Agawam Voter:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Agawam for voting in the statewide elections. Our election process is one of the most valuable privileges we have in this nation. Our country was founded and endures because of our election process.

It is just as important to be able to get as many viewpoints to the public as possible. That is the reason for political parties. Not everyone agrees as to how an issue should be settled. It would be a very boring restaurant if there was only one entree offered on the menu, and the electorate would be shortchanged if there was not more than one choice on the ballot.

I ran as a Republican for Governor's Council so that I could give the voters an opportunity for a change. I wanted to offer my solutions to what I perceive to be problems with the way the Governor's Council has been doing business.

Edward O'Brien has been a dedicated servant to the Council for 27 years and I wish him well in his next term. The Governor's Council performs an important constitutional role in our state. I hope that over the next two years it becomes better understood as to what their duties are.

I want to thank the voters of Agawam for showing their confidence in me and giving me the number of votes that you did. As an Agawam City Councilor, I want to say again how proud I am to help govern this great Town known as the City of Agawam.

When it comes to making Agawam a better place to live, we are non-partisan on the Council and try doing our best. We may sometimes disagree in the path to follow but the goal is always, I hope, the same. When I was elected to the council, I promised Independent leadership. I would like to think I have kept that pledge.

If I can answer any questions, or try to solve a problem, please call me.

Robert A. Magovern
Vice President, Agawam City Council

Melconian Seeks Suggestions For 1999-2000 Legislation

To The Editor:

To My Constituents:

It is that time of year when we must begin to compile fresh legislative initiatives that we may want to file for the 1999-2000 Legislative session, beginning January 1, 1999. Since the deadline for filing new proposals is Wednesday, December 2, 1998, I would ask that you submit your ideas immediately.

Please contact me as soon as possible with any suggestions you may have for new legislation so we have time to review them and draft the appropriate language. Please send the proposals in writing to:

Senator Linda J. Melconian
State House, Room 320
Boston, MA 02133

If you wish to speak to me in person about any of your new ideas or proposals, please set up an appointment through Betty in my District Office (786-6033).

My success in representing such a dynamic and diverse constituency as the Hampden District comes from a continuing dialogue with concerned and insightful people like you who are interested in good public policy.

I welcome your valuable input, your suggestions, ideas, and proposals. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,
Linda J. Melconian
Assistant Majority Leader

Berkshire Power & Riverside Are Both Assets For Agawam

To The Editor:

Berkshire Power and Riverside Park are both assets for Agawam. I am getting annoyed by all the negative attention they have received. People of Agawam should be happy that such large taxpayers are in or going to be in our town.

Berkshire Power is going to be an asset for Agawam; not only as a taxpayer, but a way of

receiving reduced electric costs. Natural gas is the way to go for a way of producing electric power.

It is the cleanest way to make electricity in mass quantities available today. Until we come up with a way to harness fusion, we are going to have to use fossil fuels.

We are lucky that Berkshire Power decided to stay in our town with all the negative pressure put on them. I am glad they decided to stay here, and I welcome them with open arms.

Riverside Park is another important part of the town. This park puts this town on the map. Most people have never heard of Agawam.

I go to Northeastern University in Boston. When someone would ask me where I was from and I would respond with Agawam, they would just stare at me like I said some foreign planet or something. Then I would have to ask, "You know Riverside Park?" They would almost always know where I am talking about.

Remember a few years ago when the only option Riverside had was to build a casino? Well, all they had to do was put some money into the place. Look at it now — business is going great there.

I live on School Street, so I know how it is when traffic gets real bad (especially that July 4th a few years ago). I can definitely sympathize with the people living on Main Street, but they shouldn't hold a grudge.

Riverside is now going to improve the conditions, especially with the foot bridge currently underway. I would like to congratulate Riverside on beating the odds and becoming very successful.

You must also consider the amount of people that these businesses do and will employ. Riverside is a great summer job for students, and Berkshire Power will also employ many local people.

In today's society, it is very difficult for a city, town, or City of the Town to make it just on residential taxes. To gain success, we must have large taxpayers in town, and it is a wonder to me that we actually do because of the negative attention that they receive. For one, I would like to give praise and positive attention to Berkshire Power and Riverside Park.

Agawam has to move ahead and grow with today's society. If we don't grow, Agawam will be left behind. Agawam has been my home all of my life, and if Riverside gets bigger and if Berkshire Power gets their oil storage tank, you know what? I am still going to live here because I love this town.

Very truly yours,
Marc R. Moccio
Agawam

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The trailer has been used successfully about a half-dozen times before and is safe for all bridges, culverts, and roadways, Barry said.

"This is our business and we have to have the

AHS' Fall Athletic Teams Deserve Our Congratulations

To The Editor:

Congratulations to the all of the 1998 Agawam High School sports teams: the coaches, the girls, and the boys.

Whatever the outcome of the standings came to be, the important things to remember are that you did your very best and had great sportsmanship!

Thank you very much to the parents, relatives, friends, and volunteers who came to the events. Your enthusiasm was super!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Postal Workers Provide A Touching Tribute At Funeral

To The Editor:

Just a note of gratitude to the Agawam/Feeding Hills postal workers. My uncle, Theodore Cusson, was a retired Agawam postal worker.

On the day of his funeral, upon our departure from the funeral parlor, several postal workers and their trucks were lined up across the street. I am speaking for myself and my family when I say that we were all very touched by their presence.

It was a wonderful tribute to a very special man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Sincerely,
Jean Tharin
North Carolina

Our Town Can Rest Easier Because Of Caring Individuals

To The Editor:

On Wednesday, November 11th, a friend was involved in a car accident. I would like to commend the Agawam Police and Fire Departments for their fast and courteous work that night.

Although the person involved in the accident was a young man of 19, he was treated with respect. In this day and age of condemning the youth of our community, it is nice to know that we can rest easier knowing that our town, at least, is being watched over by such caring and professional individuals.

Ruth Cosimini
Agawam

"Student Financial Aid Workshop" At STCC On Nov. 22nd

A "Student Financial Aid Workshop" sponsored by Congressman Richard E. Neal will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at Springfield Technical Community College, Scibelli Hall, One Armory Square, Springfield, MA.

From 1:00-2:00 p.m., featured speakers include Linda Dagradi, Director of Financial Aid, Springfield College.

engineering on every bridge and culvert done by a third party," Barry said. "We are within the limits of the roadway."

Barry said his firm has already been in touch with the Agawam Department of Public Works.

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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
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The following information has just been received by our office:

"The Department of Veterans' Affairs is assisting France to bestow the National Order of the Legion of Honor to U.S. Armed Forces surviving members who fought in France during World War I.

"We will use all our available means to assist French President Jacques Chirac in identifying and notifying those American World War I veterans eligible for this honor," said Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans' Affairs. He also recently sent a letter and an application for the medal to each of the approximately 900 World War I veterans still receiving VA benefits.

There are an estimated 3,200 living U.S. World War I veterans, half of whom are believed to have served in France during the war. The Legion of Honor will not be given posthumously to U.S. veterans.

Applications must be sent by veterans or their representatives to the French Embassy in Washington. While VA will assist the French Embassy in verifying and authenticating veterans' record of service, the French government will make final determinations on the awarding of the Legion of Honor.

If you know of any World War I veterans who meet the above criteria, please contact our office with names and addresses.

Listed below are Korean War veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam and whose names will be included on our Agawam Honor Roll.

This week, we are publishing those whose last names begin with "N," "O," and "P."

"N," "O," & "P"

Francis J. Napolitan, Raymond B. Napolitan, Robert A. Napolitan, Donald R. Neilsen, Albert E. Nicholas, Jr., Robert H. Norden, Joseph P. Norman, Jr., Nelson P. Norman, Paul P. Norman, Edward J. Novak, Joseph P. O'Brien, Paul R. Oberheim.

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As Part Of Nationwide Effort...

Agawam Police To Focus On Rules For Buckling Up Kids In Carseats

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Parents who don't observe the law requiring young children to be buckled into approved carseats and older children to be restrained by seatbelts could learn an expensive lesson in the ABC's of child safety.

Next week, the Agawam Police Department will join in the nationwide effort, dubbed ABC (America Buckles-up Children), sponsored in Massachusetts by the governor's Highway Safety Bureau.

APD Safety Officer (Sergeant) Steven Draghetti said the week of November 23rd-29th has been designated as a time for promoting traffic safety, particularly in the area of raising awareness of the need to buckle up the kids for safety.

Information To Be Distributed

Next week, police officers will visit the town's four elementary schools handing out information to parents and talking with the kids about the importance of buckling up, in part to alert parents and kids that the department is gearing up to push for enforcement of child safety laws.

"We're really going to push child seatbelt and safety seat enforcement," Draghetti said. "We'll be issuing citations when we make traffic stops."

And that push for enforcement will cost parents a \$35 fine if their kids aren't properly restrained.

Draghetti said the law mandates children from birth to age five be restrained in approved car safety seats and children up to the age of 12 to

wear seatbelts when riding in a car. Violation of the child safety laws is a primary enforcement issue allowing the police to stop a car and issue a citation if they observe children who are not properly restrained.

Draghetti said the Police Department recommends the use of booster seats for children aged five to seven in order to put the child in a better position for seatbelt and shoulder harness use.

"I'd rather see kids in a carseat than give out citations," Draghetti said. "What we'd like is for parents to consistently use carseats for their children and seatbelts for themselves. The kids will learn at an early age that the car doesn't move without everyone in a seatbelt. That way, they'll already have established the habit when they become drivers themselves."

Having recently sent three traffic officers to a seminar on seatbelt safety, the department hopes to encourage officers to become more aggressive in enforcing seatbelt safety laws.

"Sometimes our officers are reluctant to issue a second citation for seatbelt violations when stopping a motorist for speeding. But, they really should. Hopefully, the officers will get in the groove with stricter enforcement," Draghetti said.

Parents who meet income eligibility requirements can receive a free carseat for their infants and young children by contacting Draghetti at the Police Station.

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For copies of his photos in this edition, please call photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; he has all the negatives and will be glad to assist you. Thank you!

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— Agawam Obituaries —



Louise L. Scherpa

Louise L. (Cottini) Scherpa, 80, of 6 Althea Circle, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was an executive secretary at Van Norman Co. for five years until 1941. She then worked with her husband in the family business, Scherpa's Service Station on Walnut Street, for 34 years.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam from 1960.

She was a graduate of Classical High School and the Civil Service Secretarial School.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

She belonged to St. Anthony's Women's Club, the Golden Agers (Chapter II), and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Louis Scherpa; three sons, Louis Jr. of Feeding Hills, John of Westfield, and William of Feeding Hills; a brother, Bortolo ("Boots") Cottini of Agawam; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 103 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Albert R. Alvigini

Albert R. Alvigini, 89, of Elbert Road, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a retired bookbinder for H.R. Hunting Co.

Born in Italy, he was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a long-time resident of Agawam.

A World War II Army veteran, he took part in the 1945 Philippine liberation campaign and was awarded American and Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbons, a Victory Medal, and the Philippine liberation ribbon with service star.

He leaves two brothers, Henry of Agawam and Julio of Feeding Hills, and two sisters, Florence Alvigini of Agawam and Vera Christian of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Monsignor Eugene E. Guerin

Monsignor Eugene E. Guerin, 98, a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Springfield, died recently at Mont Marie in Holyoke.

Born in Gardner, he studied at St. Joseph's Seminary in Mont Laurier, Quebec, Canada, and the Seminary of Philosophy and the Grand Seminary, both in Montreal.

He was ordained June 6, 1925 at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield and retired in 1977 after 52 years of serving churches in Massachusetts.

He served as curate for St. Martin's Church in Otter River, Saint Joseph's Church in Worcester, Holy Rosary Church in Gardner, Notre Dame Church in North Adams, and St. Aloysius in Indian Orchard.

He was also a pastor for St. Theresa's Church in Agawam, Notre Dame in Easthampton, and Precious Blood in Holyoke.

He retired as pastor from St. Rose de Lima Church in the Aldenville section of Chicopee in 1977.

He served on the Diocesan Senate from 1969 to 1977.

Following his retirement, he moved to Holiday, Florida, returning to this area in 1995.

He leaves many nephews and nieces, including Alfred Richard of North Adams, Theresa Prenguber of Pittsfield, and his close friend and caretaker, Jeanne E. Lamontagne of Easthampton.

The funeral was held at St. Rose de Lima Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. A vigil service took place in the church, and St. Pierre Aldenville Funeral Chapels was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Rose de Lima Church Handicapped Accessibility Fund, 600 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

Vivien Crumly

Vivien (Tift) Crumly, 93, a former secretary for the Navy Department in Washington and an analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Virginia, died on September 22nd in a local nursing home.

Born in Natick, Rhode Island, she was schooled in Feeding Hills and graduated from George Washington University with a bachelor of arts degree in foreign affairs.

She attended Davies Memorial Unitarian Church in Temple Hills, Maryland.

After her government service, she returned to Feeding Hills in 1978.

She was treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president of the Alliance of the First Unitarian-Universalist Society.

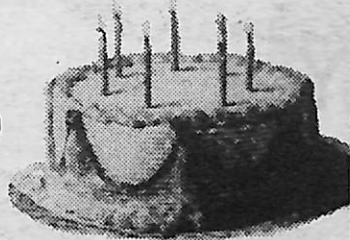
Her husband, Howard Crumly, predeceased her.

She leaves two nieces, Marilyn Fox of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Cheryl Nevius of Brewster, and a nephew, Frank Tift of Springfield.

A memorial service was recently held at the First Unitarian-Universalist Society, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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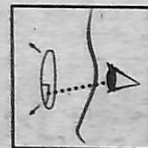
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Advisory Board Continues Review Of Zoning Code

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Last week, the zoning advisory task force continued their review of the current zoning regulations by focusing their attention on the rules governing residential uses in the agricultural zones.

Meanwhile, the search for an expert consultant to recodify the existing zoning regulations goes on behind the scenes with advertisements placed in the American Planners Association newsletter and through the efforts of board Chairman (Town Councilor) Gina Letellier to draft a list of qualified experts for the board's consideration.

The consultant, probably an attorney with the experience in zoning reform, is expected to make sure the existing code conforms with state laws and case law; identify any inconsistencies and illegalities within the code; identify any glaring omissions, and prepare a revised zoning code correcting the problems and addressing important land use questions. The format of the new code will be more readable and will incorporate use and dimensional tables.

Acting Chair Attorney Anthony Bonavita told the advisory panel they would have a better idea of the number of candidates interested in the job at their next meeting on Monday, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Police Station Community Room.

At last week's meeting, the board members continued their review of the existing code with the assistance of Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati during a discussion of issues related to residential zoning.

During the discussion of residential development in the agricultural zones, some board members expressed a desire to revisit the issue of increasing lot sizes to lessen the impact on the town of continued residential development on small lots, or to move toward cluster zoning to achieve the same results while preserving open space.

Advocating for larger lot sizes for residential development in the agricultural zones, Planning Board member Edward Shibley said allowing small lots means more homes will be built, which translates into a bigger burden on the town to provide the services.

"The fact is that businesses don't create trash or generate school children," Shibley said.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos pointed out that the town lost its bid to institute cluster or open space zoning for residential development in the agricultural zone by one vote of Town Council 10 years ago after farmers with large land holdings lobbied the council to defeat a proposal that would have required fewer, smaller lots clustered together on a parcel of land with the remaining land to be owned by a homeowners' association for recreation and open space.

Fewer Lots Would Be Available

Although fewer lots would be available for sale under cluster zoning, having open space for use by the residents of a development should make the available lots more attractive—and more expensive—for prospective buyers. Also, having to provide less infrastructure (i.e., streets, sewers, utilities) lowers the cost of developing land parcels for residential use.

"I would assume the value of a home in a cluster development would be higher and the farmers would ultimately make the same amount of money for the development," Bonavita said. "I've never met a developer who didn't like cluster zoning. This is something we should look into."

Ms. Dachos said a federally funded study of tax dollars found that every home with school-age children consumed \$1,400 worth of town services for every \$1,000 paid in taxes and the drain on town services continues when the children reach college age and families sell their homes to families with children.

Among the issues Urbinati identified for consideration when the zoning code is rewritten were requiring special permits from the Planning Board for apartment and condominium complexes, retirement and nursing homes; addressing the issue of boat and snowmobile trailers in the residential zones, and stipulating that hospitals would only be allowed in business zones rather than in residential zones.

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THANKSGIVING - from Page 1...

Carol belongs to Agawam Congregational Church and has been working with the overwhelming number of volunteers, whose help will be valuable in making telephone calls, driving to deliver dinners or retrieve donated food and goods, setting up of the hall and decorating, cooking, serving, cleaning up, taking down decorations, and all of the other tasks to make the day a special success.

Carol is coordinating rides, too, for those who need transportation. There will be a van with a lift for that day, but it is asked that this be arranged in advance by calling. Dinners will be delivered to police officers and firemen on duty, and possibly other workers on duty.

Volunteers will work with a caterer for the day before and the day of the feast, beginning at 6:30

p.m. on Thanksgiving to cook the turkeys, vegetables, stuffing, "fixin's," potatoes, and to serve desserts. Senior groups and ladies' groups have promised to make desserts, and the Parish Association is also grateful for the placemats, centerpieces, and other decorations made by Daisy Girls, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

Feeding Hills Congregational Church has recently been renovated and is handicap-accessible. The Parish Association expresses a warm invitation to people who want a great meal and human companionship this upcoming Thanksgiving. As many as 350 people are expected.

With the effort and warmth of so many clergy, lay persons, and volunteers, it is hard to imagine a nicer way for the Agawam Parish Association to kick off its first season.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...

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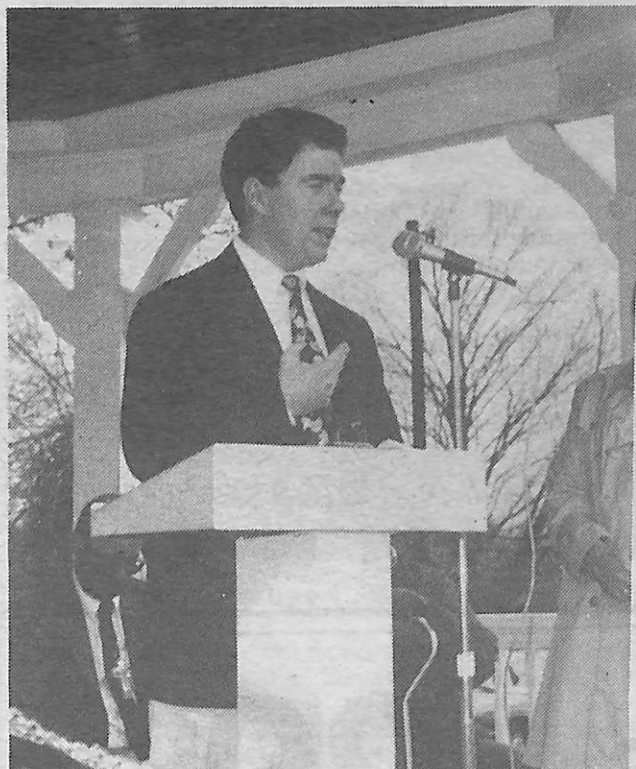
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Agawam's Veterans' Day Observances



IN LEFT PHOTO: State Representative Daniel Keenan addresses those in attendance at the Agawam Veterans' Memorial Green on Veterans' Day (Wednesday, November 11th). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Representatives from American Legion Post 185 in Agawam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Melconian Announces Agenda For The 1999 Legislative Session

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce her agenda for the 1999 legislative session. The senator plans to file bills that reaffirm her long-standing commitment to insurance reform, both in the auto and healthcare industry, child protection, and consumer advocacy.

The senator has also sent out letters to constituent groups and leaders in her district to make sure that she can continue to meet the local needs of the citizens of Springfield, Agawam, Chicopee, and West Springfield.

"When I see a problem in an industry or in society, it is my duty as a legislator to deal with it," said Melconian. "Expanding access to health and medical care, punishing people who prey on children, and consumer protection are all areas where I know the legislature can improve the quality of life throughout the Commonwealth."

Some of Melconian's new initiatives include a mandatory prison sentence for anyone convicted of killing a child under the age of seven, licensing requirements for the currently unregulated home inspection industry, and a comprehensive reform of the auto industry, including the repeal of no-fault insurance. The senator is also refiling a bill to prevent discrimination in health and life insurance by protecting the privacy of an individual's genetic tests and co-sponsoring bills reforming HMOs and providing parity for mental health services.

Melconian is also concerned with the more personal needs of each of her constituents. Anyone with an issue that they feel needs to be remedied by the state legislature is urged to write the senator at: Counsel to the Assistant Majority Leader, Room 320, State House, Boston, MA 02133.

Agawam Awarded Comm. Partnerships For Children Grant

State Representative Dan Keenan is pleased to announce that the Agawam Public Schools are the recipient of a \$59,724 Community Partnerships for Children Program Grant.

The Massachusetts Department of Education oversees and issues the Community Partnerships for Children Program grants.

The Community Partnerships for Children Program increases the affordability, quality, and comprehensiveness of programs for three and four year-old children of working families.

This funding will also support professional development for staff, as well as an array of family literacy and education programs.

Keenan concluded, "This funding will provide Agawam with the assistance to meet the needs and resources of the community."

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by Fire Chief David Pisano

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Upon discovering a fire, you should sound an alarm, let the other people in the area know that there's the potential for danger, and that they

should evacuate. Call the fire department at 911, even if the fire is small.

For every minute a fire burns, it doubles in size. Small fires can grow quickly. Only after the first two steps have been completed, should you try to extinguish small fires.

The Agawam Fire Department is here to help you! Don't be afraid to call if we can help in any way because, in a fire, seconds count.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Rep. Keenan Offers Consumer Guide To Electric Industry

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has a Consumers' Guide to Understanding Changes in the Electric Industry in Massachusetts available at his district office.

Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office on 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, at 786-4545.

For the first time, electricity customers can choose their electricity supplier. This free comprehensive consumer education guide contains important information about the restructuring of the electric industry and how customers can choose their power supplier.

The Electric Restructuring Act of 1997 made important changes that affect all citizens in the Commonwealth. Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office to request your consumer guide.

Charity Auction To Be Held To Benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters

A special charity auction will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at Colosseum Banquet House, 943 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Items up for bid include sports memorabilia, jewelry, gift certificates, weekend trips, and more. A silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m.; live auction with Roy Scott will follow at 6:30.

Special guest Rich Tetterer of TV22 will auction sports items. Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County, matching at-risk children with caring adult volunteers.

A cash bar, refreshments, and door prizes will be offered. For tickets, call 781-4730.



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Safe Kids Offers Tips For Parents & Sitters This Holiday Season

Before stepping out to a holiday party without the kids, be certain that the sitter you select shares your concerns for your child's safety.

"Parents believe that if a sitter is responsible, reliable, and affectionate towards children, the sitter will know how to avoid or handle a crisis situation," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition, headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

Three most important part of any babysitting job, however, is keeping a child safe from harm, LaRoche noted. She recommends that you discuss with the prospective sitter the following concerns for your child's safety while in their care:

INTERVIEWING THE BABYSITTER

- Is the sitter experienced and reliable?
- Does she or he have references?
- Did the sitter take a special "babysitter" training course?
- Is the sitter certified in infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)?
- Does the sitter know what to do in case of an emergency?

WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD TELL THEIR SITTER

LaRoche recommends that you walk through the following with your sitter before leaving your child in the sitter's care:

- Give the babysitter a tour of your home. Point out the baby gates, child resistant locks, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, electrical outlets covers, toilet locks, and more. Show the sitter where the phones, fire extinguishers, first aid supplies, flashlight, and extra blankets are located in case of an emergency.

- Write down emergency numbers and leave them by all telephones.

- Map out the approved play areas in your house.

- Instruct your sitter to never leave your child alone, even for a minute.

- Plan and practice several fire escape routes from the house in the event of a fire, and identify an outside meeting place.

If you leave your child at a daycare center or at the sitter's home, make sure you review the information mentioned above as well as tour the facility or home beforehand. Check to see that the caregiver has taken precautions to "child-proof" his or her home or daycare site. Verify that the sitter is following state or local guidelines on the number of children the daycare provider can babysit.

"By taking the necessary precautions with your home and the babysitter, you can ensure a happy and safe new year for you and your family," noted LaRoche.

Baystate Medical Center offers a Babysitting Academy for young adults on the topics of baby care, first aid, fire safety, home security, accident prevention, CPR, and more. For information on the class, call 794-2299 (BABY).

For more information on Safe Kids, call LaRoche at 794-5434.

Jr. Women To Host Breakfast With Santa And Mrs. Claus

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming! Please come join the Agawam Junior Women's Club in welcoming in the 1998 Holiday season with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be held Sunday, December 6th in the cafeteria at the Agawam High School from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 per child.

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for \$2 each. A mailbox will be available for letters to Santa. Please include a return address if an answer is desired.

We will also be accepting donations for our Holiday Basket program and the Open Pantry. Any type of non-perishable items would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets are available by calling Dee at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the GFWC and the GFWC of Massachusetts.

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GEFF GREGOR OF FEEDING HILLS (standing, at right) on the set of the made-for-television movie, "Houdini," which will debut on TNT next month. Among the cast members are Rhea Perlman and Paul Sorvino (seated).

Feeding Hills Native Is Property Master For Movie About "Houdini" To Air On TNT

During December, TNT will premiere its made-for-television movie, "Houdini." Feeding Hills native Geff Gregor was the Property Master during the filming last year.

Geff found the film to be a challenge because of some of the unusual props that were needed, from the escape devices used by Houdini to period watches, playing cards, and even cigarette packages.

Although Geff had completed "The Players Club" film just before "Houdini," and works seasonally on "The Wayans Brothers" TV Series, his background is primarily in TV commercials.

Over the past 13 years, he has been part of the production of commercials for (among others) the U.S. Marines, American Express (with Dana Carvey and shown during a Super Bowl broadcast), Caesar's Palace, Budweiser, Miller, and Ford. Since not all filming is done in studios, Geff has travelled as far as Alaska, New Orleans, Las Vegas, and Lake Placid with production companies.

Computer graphics are integral to much film production, so Geff established Windward Productions; he contracts with producers for the many graphics needed on "The Wayans Brothers" show, as well as for other animation work.

He studied at Interplay Productions in Los Angeles to develop his computer skills, and at Cal State in Long Beach to learn the Soft Image program. At Interplay, Geff worked on the development of computer games, as well.

Geff was raised in Feeding Hills and graduated from Cathedral High School, but now makes his home in Redondo Beach, California, with his wife, Susan, and two daughters.

His parents and brothers, Douglas and Christopher, still live here. Fortunately, he manages visits home at least once a year.

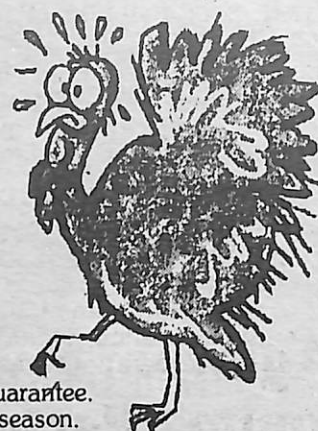
As much as he loves the weather and his work in California, Geff says that he is always looking for an opportunity that would allow him to be closer to family and friends.

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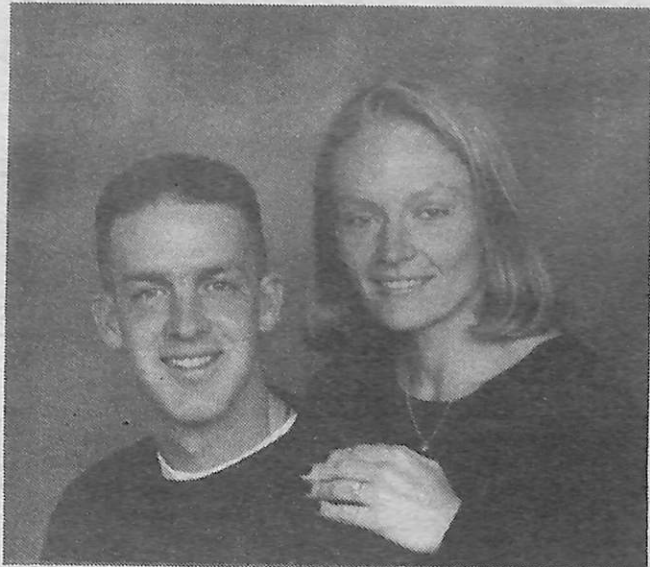
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Debra Conklin Engaged To Wed James Kovacs

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Conklin of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to James Kovacs, the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Kovacs of Tarrytown, New York.

Debra graduated from Agawam High School and Western New England College with a bachelor's degree in finance. She is employed by Modern Media in Westport, Connecticut, as an account coordinator.

James graduated from Irvington High School and Western New England College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a police officer for the town of Tarrytown, New York.

A May 30, 1999 wedding is planned.

Petty Officer David Schwartz Takes Part In Task Force Exercise

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David I. Schwartz, son of Melvin A. Schwartz of 22 Federal St., Agawam recently participated in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Schwartz was one of more than 10,000 Sailors, Marines, and Airmen who participated in the U.S. Navy Second Fleet exercise off the coast of the southeastern United States. The exercise involved the USS Enterprise Battle Group and USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked. Both groups are scheduled to deploy to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf this fall.

The exercise focused on preparing naval forces for contingencies they may encounter during the six-month deployment. During the three-week training exercise, Sailors and Marines from Schwartz's ship received training in operations which included strike, mine, amphibious, undersea and surface warfare, and maritime interception operations.

In addition, Schwartz's ship recently earned honorable mention of the 1999 Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award, for food service excellence in the aircraft carrier division. The dining facility on Schwartz's ship demonstrated a commitment to culinary excellence, including nutritional programs and top operating conditions.

Carriers, like USS Enterprise, are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available, including Tomahawk cruise missiles and tactical aircraft.

The 1981 graduate of Cromwell High School in Cromwell, Connecticut joined the Navy in February 1984.

West Spfld. Grange No. 147 To Hold "Sweater Sale"

West Springfield Grange No. 147 will be holding a "Sweater Sale" on Saturday, November 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The sale will take place at the Grange's hall (located at the corner of Garden and Lathrop Streets in West Springfield), and the sweaters will be from Fredrick's Mills.

Fresh cranberries and baked goods will also be available for purchase at the sale.

Agawam Women's Club To Meet On November 24th

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on Monday, November 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam. Be sure that you come prepared to enjoy the program, "Line Dancers," as we will all be invited to participate.

One of our projects for many years has been to furnish personal items, socks, playing cards, etc., for the residents of the Soldiers' Home at Christmas. For the meeting on November 24th, the club members are asked to bring such items.

Also, please remember to bring a non-perishable item to be donated to the Open Pantry. See you on Monday night, and (as always) visitors are welcome.

Marine Cpl. Steven Sigafose Receives Meritorious Mast

Marine Cpl. Steven D. Sigafose, son of Lauren J. Harrison of 36 Cliffon Drive, Agawam, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

Sigafose was cited for outstanding service while assigned with 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California.

Sigafose was awarded a Meritorious Mast by his commanding officer as official recognition for superior individual performance.

The 1995 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1995.

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"Memories Of Broadway" At Agawam Jr. High

The Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Junior High School Chorus presented a benefit concert "Memories of Broadway," on Friday, November 13th in the Junior High auditorium.

Proceeds from the concert benefitted the Junior High School Music Department, the Agawam Senior Center, the Agawam Historical Association, and the Agawam Junior Women's Club's drive for the Agawam Fire Department's imaging helmet.

Directors for the concert were Darcy Davis, former Music Director for the Agawam School System, eighth grade chorus teacher Susan Brown, and Junior High School music teacher Christine Davis.

Pianists were Evelyn O'Melia, Robert Coelln, and Junior High School guidance counselor Jeanne Trinquet.

The Memory Lane Chorus numbers highlighting New York City included "Getting to Know You" and "Hello Young Lovers," featuring the vocal trio of Wilma Gillan, Eileen Lutat, and Rose Haynes, and "Memory" by pianist Evelyn O'Melia.

Memory Lane dancer Norman Ringuette performed to the tune of "Once In Love With Amy" and Ron Balboni sang "For I'm Falling In Love With Someone."

Christine Davis, Zachary Exum (student teacher from UMass), Jeanne Trinquet, and Susan Brown sang "Rock Island" and Carlo Zingarelli of the Memory Lane Chorus sang "Old Man River." The senior chorus, assisted by the Junior High male chorus, including Rose Haynes, Wilma Gillan, Eileen Lutat, Rose Zingarelli, Lee Dion, Carlo Zingarelli, Stan Edwards, Arthur Femmel, Ron Balboni, and John McLaughlin, sang "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning."

Other songs included in the set highlighting features from the Broadway musical *Oklahoma* were "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," "People Will Say We're in Love," and "Oklahoma," as well as "I've Grown Accustomed to (His) Face" from *May Fair Lady* featuring Lorraine LeDuc.

Agawam Junior High students Ashley Blanchard, Kelly Doyle, and Jocelyn Kraus sang "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" while Junior High students Sarah Zingarelli, Courtney Henry, and Danielle Cordin were the featured models for "Be My Little Baby Bumble Bee."

A Broadway Medley by the Junior High Chorus included "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord & You Are The Light of The World," "The Ballad of Sweeney Todd," "Greased Lightning," "Tomorrow," and "One."

Memory Lane chorus member Inez Daniels sang "The Lady Is a Tramp," while Lorraine LeDuc and Carlo Zingarelli of Memory Lane offered "Tea For Two," and "Stormy Weather" featured Robert Coelln on piano.

Lu Parchick-Cauley of the Memory Lane chorus was featured in "Put On A Happy Face."

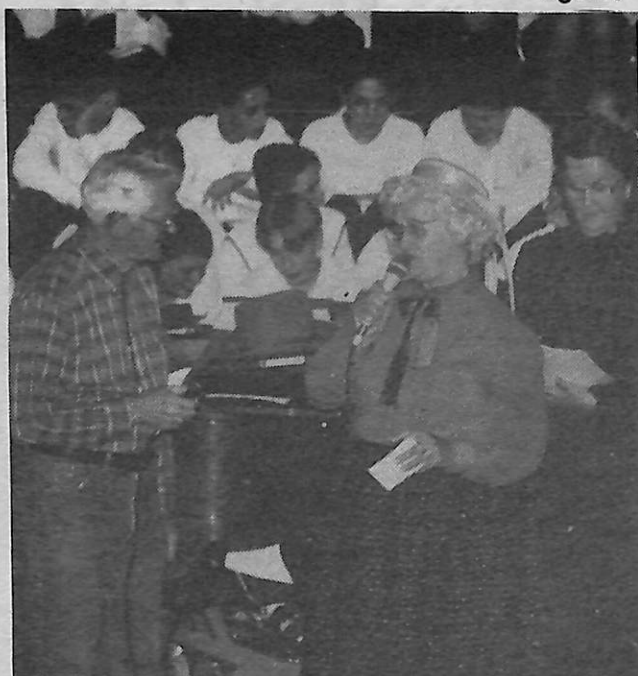
Memory Lane Chorus members included Love Ashton, Ron Balboni, Helen Boissonneault, Dennis Buell, Peg Buoniconti, Bernice Burton, Bob Coelln, Inez Daniels, Leanne Dion, Stan Edwards, Muriel Fearn, Arthur Femmel, Thelma Gardner, Wilma Gillan, Gwen Gregory, Doris Griffen, Cathy Halloman, Rose Haynes, Lillian Heidemenos, Thelma Kerr, Barbara Kupec, Lorraine LeDuc, Eileen Lutat, Rita Matys, John McLaughlin, Lois Miodowski, Alice Morytko, Dorothy Nardi, Leah Nesin, Jane Nunn, Hazel O'Brien, Lu Parchick-Cauley, Jeannette Poirier, Ginny Theroux, Bee Wilson, Carlo Zingarelli, and Rose Zingarelli.

The orchestra included Evelyn O'Melia (piano), Paul Brusseau (violin), Jim White (organ), Darcy Davis (trumpet), George David (alto sax), Scott Thomson (tenor sax), Brian David (bass), Jim Graveline (drums), and Jim Gregor (drums).

Best local news...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Norman Ringuette spins a fancy softshoe to the tune "Once In Love With Amy" from *Where's Charlie?* IN RIGHT PHOTO: Memory Lane singers John McLaughlin and Wilma Gillan sing "People Will Say We're In Love" from *Oklahoma*. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Lorraine LeDuc and Carlo Zingarelli perform "All I Ask of You" from *The Phantom of the Opera*. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Carlo Zingarelli booms out "Old Man River" from *Showboat*. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PERFORMING "ROCK ISLAND" was the quartet of Christine Davis (Junior High music teacher), Zachary Exum (student teacher from UMass), Jeanne Trinquet (Junior High guidance counselor), and Susan Brown (eighth-grade chorus teacher). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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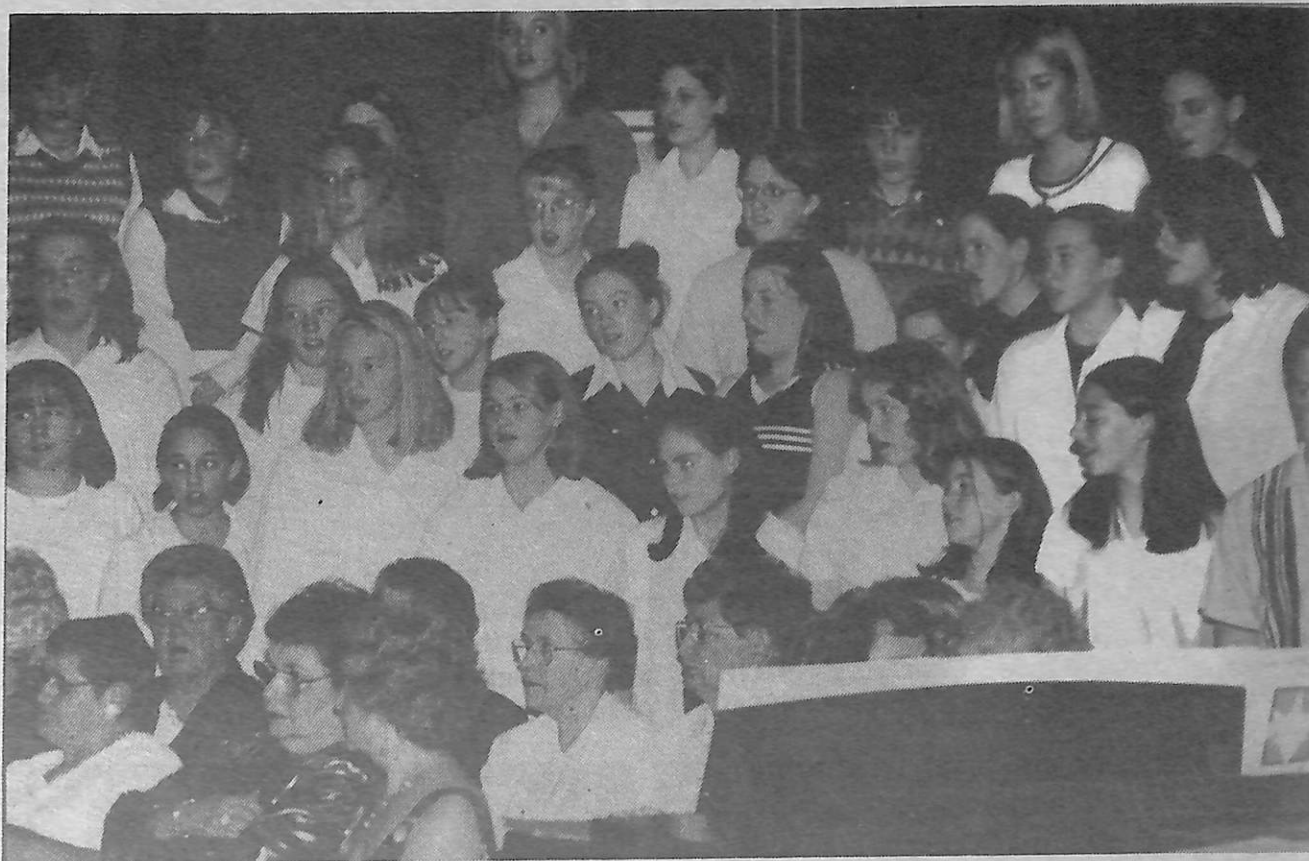
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL's eighth-grade chorus in performance during "Memories of Broadway," which was held on Friday, November 13th, in the Junior High auditorium. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 23rd: Pork cutlet, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, rye bread, apple.

Tuesday, November 24th: Southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn muffin, pecan cookies.

Wednesday, November 25th: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving Day (Senior Center closed).

Friday, November 27th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, mixed fruit.

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Storowton Village To Offer Weekend Of Family Holiday Fun

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum presents "Yuletide at Storowton," its annual, free winter holiday festival, Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The weekend event is full of holiday delight for the entire family and takes place in the historic Village on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Several area garden clubs, florists, and designers will generously donate their time, expertise, and materials to decorate the Village's historic buildings for the holidays, according to event Chairperson Pat Byrne.

Participating clubs and florists include the Agawam, East Longmeadow, Springfield, Westfield and West Springfield Garden Clubs; William Burrows Florist of Longmeadow and Floral Concepts by Tom of Agawam; J & L Presentations of Westfield; and Full Circle Farm.

Storowton Village volunteers, who will serve as costumed guides for the event, will also join to deck the halls of Storowton in seasonal splendor.

The Jack Frost "Welcome the Winter" parade will kick-off the Yuletide excitement at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. Adults and children are invited to dress as their favorite interpretation of winter. All participants will parade around the Village Green and compete for prizes.

The parade begins in front of the Meeting House and all participants will receive a prize ribbon. Rain date for the parade is Sunday, Dec. 6th at 11:30 a.m.

The Village's Meeting House will be the site of a number of musical performances that will fill visitors with holiday cheer. Performances include:

- * The Magic Lantern Theatre - Sunday at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. - hand painted glass slides projected on a screen, accompanied by keyboard and vocals, present a fascinating look at the cinema before the invention of the movie camera.

- * The High School of Science and Technology Chorus - Saturday at 12:00 noon.

- * The Sound of New England Sweet Adelines, sponsored by the West Springfield Arts Council - Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

- * Storowton Organist Virginia Heyl demonstrates the beauty and richness of the rare (c. 1820) Henry Pratt Gallery organ, one of only three still in existence - Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

- * The Central High School Madrigal Singers - Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Additional Yuletide features throughout the Village include:

- * Jerry Marchand will delight audiences with the sound of the Celtic harp throughout the weekend in the Gift Shop - Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

- * Ice sculpting demonstrations by Mike Rondeau - Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the Village Green.

- * Sheep dog demonstrations - Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Village Green.

- * 19th century crafts of blacksmithing, fireplace cooking, broom-making, basket-making, and lace-making, as well as presentations on quilting and spinning, will be demonstrated daily.

- * Caroling and a tree lighting ceremony take place each day at 4:00 p.m. on the Gazebo.

- * Petting Zoo on the Village Green.

- * Visit with an old-fashioned Santa in the Red Barn.

Delectable treats will be available in the Holiday Sweet Shoppe in Potter Mansion and holiday gift items and decorations will be sold at the Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House.

Both shops are open during the event and the Storowton Village Gift Shop will remain open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., through December 19th.

The Village will also offer free, guided Holiday House Tours December 7th-12th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., providing visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the Village's quaint dwellings beautifully decorated for the season. Tours may be combined with a hearty lunch at Storowton Tavern.

Additional holiday events at Eastern States Exposition include the New England Holiday Antique Show in the Young Building from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the New England Yuletide Craft Spectacular in the Stroh Building from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information on Yuletide events, call the Village at (413) 787-0136 or Eastern States Exposition at (413) 737-2443.

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"Would You Like Some Pancakes???"...



MEMBERS OF THE KITCHEN CREW at the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club. The breakfast was held on Sunday, November 1st, at the Lions Den in West Springfield (on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"BATTER UP!!!": Lions Club members George Collins, Ed Disco, Bob Campbell (President), and Jim Loomis at the pancake breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) will hold a Christmas Bazaar combined with a tag sale and bake sale at the Agawam Senior Center (off Main Street) on Saturday, November 21st.

We are looking forward to a great day with raffles, grab bags, coffee, donuts, apple pie, and much more.

The Town of Agawam has been very good to us, and we like to give the people good bargains at our affairs. We look forward to seeing our many friends that we've met over the years.

There will be lots of Christmas items (old and new), and an array of tag sale items for our friends to rummage through.

We are also putting out an appeal for good tag sale items to be donated for our sale. If you have any such items, please call Vi Presz at 786-3164 or Angelo Polumbo at 786-5648, and we will see that the items are picked up.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on November 21st, as we kick off the holiday season.

Support the ASGA!!!

Spaghetti/Meatball Dinner For West Spfld. Operation Santa & Santa's House Programs

A spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the West Springfield Operation Santa and Santa's House Programs will be held on Friday, December 4th, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas School cafeteria, Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Operation Santa is a community program, sponsored by the West Springfield Recreation Department, West Springfield Parish Association, and Open Pantry. This program distributes food baskets and toys to needy families in West Springfield during the holiday season.

Santa's House is sponsored and operated by the Recreation Department and is located at the

main entrance to Mittineague Park, Route 20, West Springfield, to provide children and adults the opportunity to visit with Santa free of charge.

The dinner is sponsored as a community service by the West Springfield Lions Club with food being donated by Costco Wholesale.

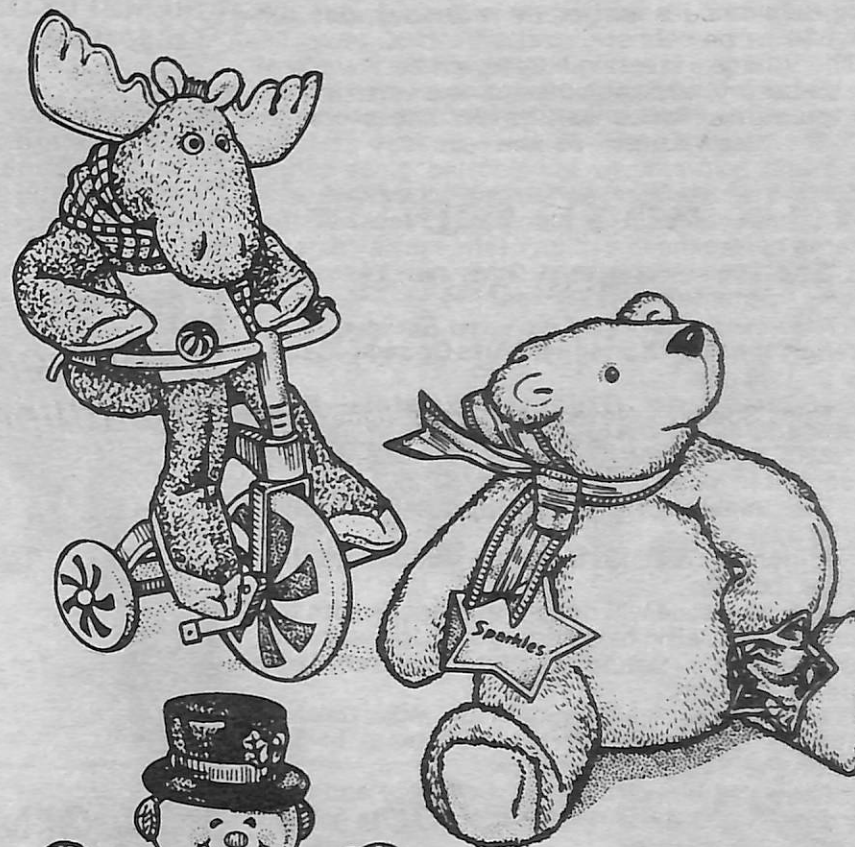
Donations are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 years of age and under. Tickets may be obtained at the Recreation Department Office, 26 Central Street, Lally's Pipe & Book, Senior Center, any member of the West Springfield Lions Club, or at the door.

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Church News

Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The Agawam Ecumenical Prayer Service will take place this Sunday, November 22nd, at 4:00 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church (our neighbor on Main Street).

The service will include a combined children's choir. Any child between the ages of seven and 13 who would like to participate is asked to come to a rehearsal before the service at 2:45 p.m.

All are welcome to this town event.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

If you would like to donate a turkey dinner or give a food certificate to a needy family this year, please let Sr. Fran White know before November 20th.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Signups will take place this Saturday, November 21st, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the lower church.

THE GIVING TREE

Our parish will be offering the Giving Tree Project again this year, and we anticipate your continuing generosity.

People are still talking about last year and how good it made everyone feel.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Please bring donations to the "Bountiful Basket" to the Parish Center so marked. Prizes to be awarded on December 5th are \$500, \$300, and \$200.

You can be a winner by returning your raffle tickets in the collection basket or drop them off at the Rectory. Time is running short!

Cemetery logs and pots will be on display in the foyer of the Parish Center and can be ordered after all the Masses this weekend.

"Bryan Hall" Dedication Slated At Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the Worship Service, the Agawam Congregational Church Fellowship Hall will be named "Bryan Hall" in loving memory of The Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, who was pastor here for 26 years.

He was instrumental in the church rebuilding during the middle 1960's. Rev. Bryan not only served the church, but the community as well.

There will be light refreshments following the dedication. Please join us for this special day for the church.



MEMBERS OF ST. ANTHONY'S HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY — Florida Tangocci, Irene Gallerani, and Janet Gallerani — were busy recently painting "suncatchers" that will be distributed by Christmas to elderly and infirmed parishioners. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Anthony's Holy Rosary Society Makes Gifts For Infirmed And Elderly Patients

On Tuesday, November 10th, the Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony's Church met to make holiday gifts for elderly and infirmed parishioners.

This is the society's second annual project of bringing cheer to the elderly and infirmed, and this year's project was to paint "suncatchers" which can be hung in a window with a suction

cup. The gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas.

A collection was made at the meeting for mittens, socks, and canned goods to be added to the church's November 21st-22nd weekend drive. These donations will be distributed to the less fortunate.

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Now that God sees you as His child, you are to live up to your new name and position. How are you doing? Are you living as a citizen of heaven? Are you growing in your Christian life, becoming more like Christ? If not, you have some work to do. Confess your failures to God and then depend on the Holy Spirit to help you grow in obedience.

But what if you have never trusted Christ as your Savior? Then God thinks of you as alienated from Him (Col. 1:21), spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1), destined for judgment (Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:11-15). Yet He loves you and wants to rescue you from the eternal consequences of sin (Jn. 3:16-17).

If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12

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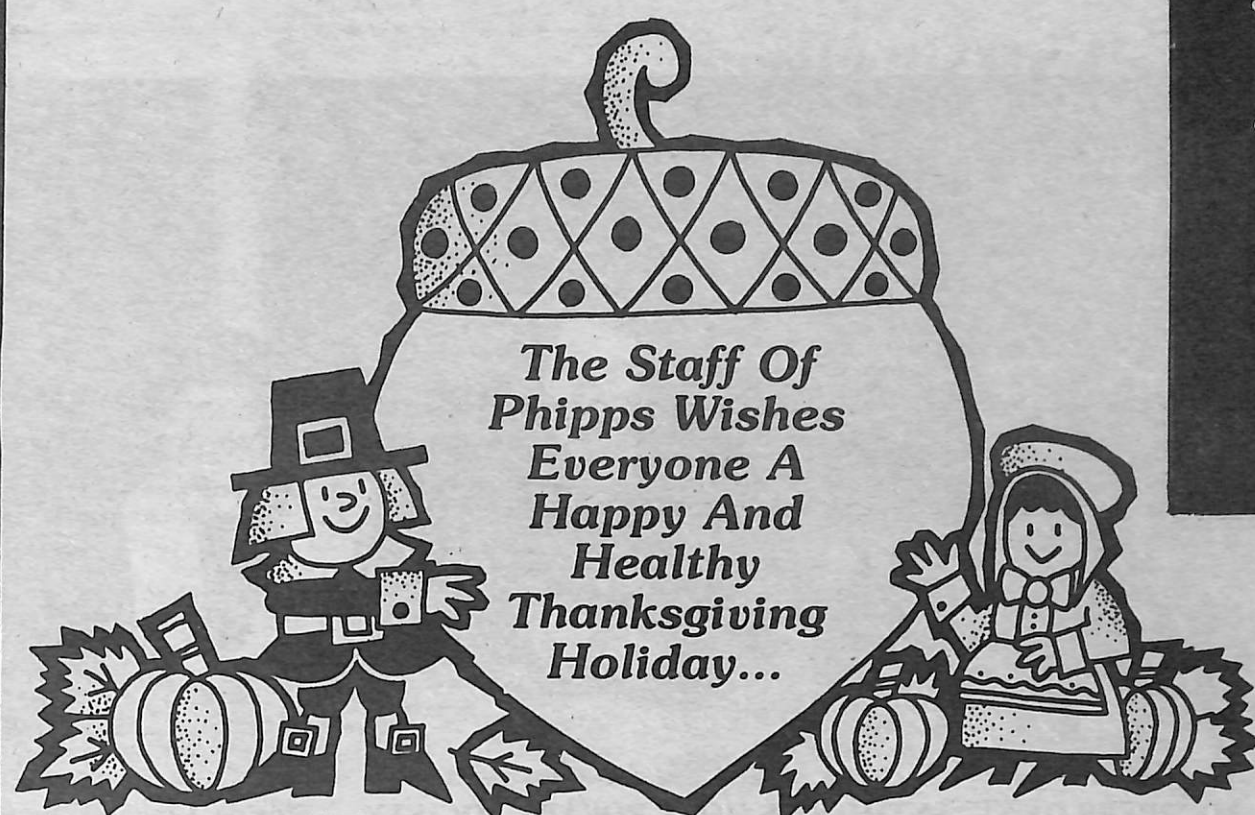
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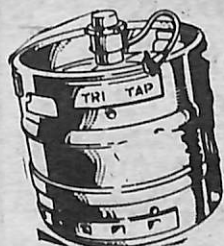
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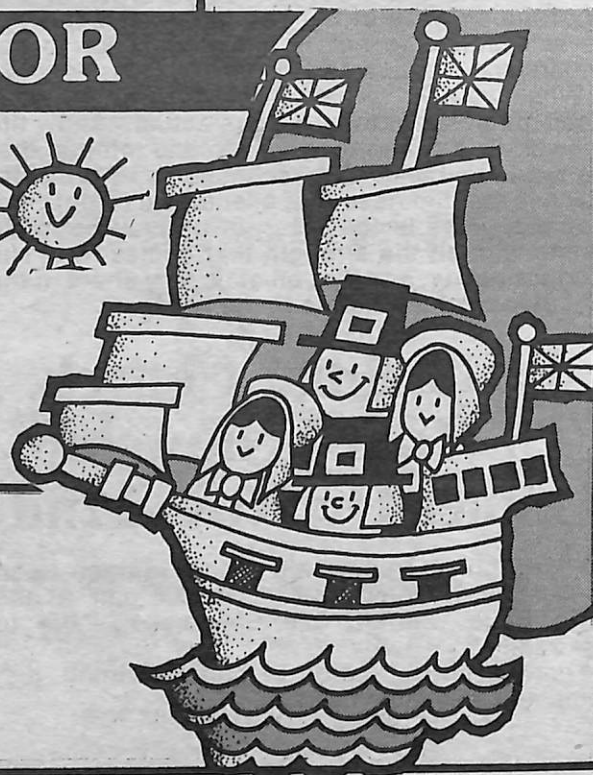
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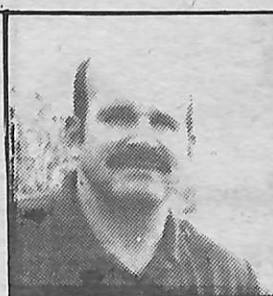
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Knowing God...

It is easy to believe in an unknown or unknowable god. Many of the world's religions purport to represent, or to seek, such a deity. The concept that God can be known, that He even wants to be known by people, is foreign to most religions.

A god who is nothing more than a figment of one's imagination is a very comfortable god to have. That's because such a god can be all things to all people. Such a god's will can easily correspond to our will, all the time.

There are a few problems with the Unknown God. First, in the final analysis, such a god is impotent and useless. To whom are we supposed to turn when trouble rears its ugly head in our lives?

We are limited and finite beings. We do not have all the answers to all our questions. We do not have all the resources we need to meet the challenges of life.

There are those who say, "Look deep within," or, "Believe in yourself." Those people worship the Unknown God. Those people ultimately come up short just when it matters the most. Looking deep within ourselves, or believing in ourselves because we believe in the Unknown God, is the path to frustration.

The other major problem with the Unknown God is that such a god doesn't actually exist. The Unknown God is nothing more than a usurper, or a false pretender, to the throne of God, who very much seeks to be known by people.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear; the Lord of hosts is with us.

Even inanimate nature itself has God's fingerprints all over it. **For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made.**

God goes further to reveal Himself than to simply play peek-a-boo through nature. God does not leave us to guessing who He is or what He is like. God has revealed Himself perfectly and adequately in the person of Jesus Christ. **Jesus is the image of the invisible God; for in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.**

Jesus Christ does not limit us to a glimpse of God. We are given more than just a partial view of the Almighty. As Billy Graham likes to say, "If you want to know what God is like, take a long look at Jesus."

Some of the mystical or mystery religions would portray God as an elusive Being, as though God was deliberately attempting to hide from people. The exact opposite is in fact the case.

God has intentionally chosen to reveal Himself to us, first through the prophets and writings of the Old Testament, and then more fully through Jesus. Nobody forced God to reveal Himself to us; in Christ **He is pleased to have His fullness dwell.**

Through Jesus Christ, God wants to **rescue each of us from the power of darkness and transfer us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.** We do not have to wander through life wondering what the purpose of our being alive is. We were never destined to not to know God, nor to not understand His purpose for us.

When we ask, "What is God like?" or "What is God's purpose for me," we can actually know the answer. God's plan for your life and mine is that **He would be pleased to reconcile us to Himself.**

Sin is the darkness that alienates us from God. God's purpose is that each of us **may be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, and that all of us may share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

Faith Bible Church To Hold Fellowship Dinner On Nov. 22nd

Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner is open to all on Sunday, November 22nd, at 4:00 p.m. at the Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

There is no obligation to bring anything, just come and share the holiday.

Scott A. Griffin To Serve Two-Year Mission In California

Scott A. Griffin, son of Sharon A. Griffin of Feeding Hills, has been called to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Scott will depart for the Missionary Training Center located in Provo, Utah, on December 9th. After training, Elder Griffin will be serving in the California San Fernando Mission.

A farewell reception will be held in his honor on Saturday, November 28th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Church located at 376 Maple Street in Springfield. All those who know Scott are welcome to attend.

Scott is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.



SCOTT A. GRIFFIN

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Church News - continued...

Advent Activities Scheduled At First Baptist Church In Agawam

The First Baptist and Agawam Congregational Churches will celebrate the season of Advent with a fun, faith-filled series, entitled "Prepare Ye The Way." This series is designed for persons of all ages.

Plans are underway to craft angels to own and share with a stranger; create a "Jesse Tree" and explore its rich symbolic meanings; enjoy an Advent drama performed by the combined youth groups of the two churches; and sing songs of the season to our neighbors, friends, and strangers.

The series will begin on November 29th at the First Baptist Church, and will continue for four Sunday evenings during Advent. The December 6th meeting will again be at First Baptist, and the two remaining sessions on December 13th and 20th will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Child care will be provided. All meetings are held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Coming up also this Advent season at the First Baptist Church will be a "Holiday Open House." This event is scheduled for Friday evening, December 11th. It will begin with a covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m. provided by members of the Baptist Church.

Following the supper, everyone is invited to join in the making of simple crafts to own or to share. The children of the church are preparing a holiday

skit to be presented after the craft-making session.

To top off the celebration, Christmas caroling and special holiday music will be presented in the Church sanctuary, with special guest Richie Mitnick at the keyboard. This is an open event, and it is hoped many guests will attend.

So we know how many to plan for, call the church office today (786-7300) and make your reservations!

At this Sunday's service of worship, Pastor Richard Barnes' message will be "What Have You Done For Me Lately?" He will use scriptural text from Psalm 30:1-12.

The responsive reading will be led by Stephen McLaughlin. Classes for all ages are held following the coffee hour after worship. Nursery care is provided.

From now until December 19th, food will be collected for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for our neighbors in need. Donations may be left in Davis Hall.

Money is also needed. Checks should be made out to "Holiday Baskets" and given to any member of the Missions Committee.

At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Agawam Congregational Church. All members of the

church family are invited to attend to reflect on the blessings we have received.

Our church will be participating in the newly-formed Agawam Parish Association's newest project, the community-wide Thanksgiving dinner. It will be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, and transportation will be provided for those who need it. No one should be alone on this day; if you have questions or would like to attend, the contact persons for our church are Ruth Davis and Sharon Grabowski.

Coming up on our calendar this week:

Monday, November 23rd: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, November 24th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlights Bible Study at the home of Nancy Edwards; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, November 25th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving Day (office closed).

A reminder — Love Gift boxes are due to be turned in during the last week in November to Norma Werthamer, Chairperson.

Weekly Calendar Of Events From Agawam Congregational Church

The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church.

Stop in to shop, browse, or lunch at our "cafe." Crafts, wares, raffles, and attic treasures are just a few of the many, many different items for sale.

This Sunday, November 22nd, is the 25th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "A Transforming Life," taken from Text: Colossians 1:11-20. Rev. Fuller's Children's Message will be "A Change of Heart."

The Children's Choir will be singing this Sunday.

This Sunday, we will rename the Parish Hall "Bryan Hall" in loving memory of the Reverend Floyd C. Bryan, former minister. Rev. Bryan began his call here in 1964 and served as Senior Minister and Minister Emeritus until his death in 1997.

Please join us as we dedicate the hall to this

wonderful man who did so much for the community as well as our church.

The Blanket Appeal dedication will be this Sunday when all money collected will be dedicated during the offertory. All monies collected will be spent to purchase blankets for the area needy.

If you would like to make a donation, please send your check to the Blanket Appeal, Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Your \$5 donation will also help recent hurricane "Mitch" victims in Honduras and Nicaragua, as part of the money collected goes directly to assist disaster areas in the world.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is napkins.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

A Thanksgiving Day Community Service will be held this Sunday, November 22nd, at 4:00 p.m. Join us for this special service as all faiths are welcome to attend.

There will be an ecumenical Adult and

Children's Choir for this special service.

The Youth Group meetings for this week are: Friday, November 20th, K-1&2 (kindergarten through second grade) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Junior and Senior Youth will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The youth will be working on craft projects to sell at the Holly Wreath Bazaar. All youth are welcome.

Reminder: pick up your Christmas wreath on Sunday, November 29th, following the Worship Service.

It's time to order your poinsettias! The Flower Committee is now taking orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary with the Poinsettia Tree on December 20th at the Christmas Sunday Worship Service.

You may take your poinsettias home following the Worship Service. Please call the church office at 786-7111 to place an order, or at the Coffee Hour.

Sizes and prices are listed on the order form.

Local Churches Plan Thanksgiving Service

The churches of Agawam and Feeding Hills welcome the public to give thanks with them at a service of Thanksgiving to be held on Sunday, November 22nd, at 4:00 p.m.

Held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church located on North Westfield Street, the service will consist of hymn singing and prayer, messages brought by the Rev. Rick and Ms. Mercy Barnes, and choral anthems performed by

volunteer adult and junior choirs.

An offering will be taken to help support the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and outreach being put together by the newly-formed Agawam Parish Association.

Further information about the Worship Service and the dinner can be obtained by calling the Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 786-5061.

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*Church News - continued...***News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

This is also Thanksgiving Sunday. The New Testament reading for this week is Colossians 1:9-11. The Lector will be Lani Kretschmar.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Getting to Know God Better."

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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There will be a quilting social here on Saturday, November 21st, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your current needlework project and a joke that will have everyone in stitches.

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Next Sunday, November 29th, the Board of Deacons invites us to gather together in Griswold Hall following worship to make Advent wreaths.

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Also on November 29th, Diane Ball will fill the pulpit while Rev. Donaldson is away.

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The Agawam Parish Association welcomes everyone to a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held here on November 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Call Art Theobald at 789-4271 if you would like to help. For reservations, a ride to the church, or delivery of a meal, call Carol at 786-1912.

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Operation Friendship will serve a Roast Beef Dinner here at the church on Saturday, December 5th, from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m.

Call Sharon Rozanski at 786-8743 for reservations.

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The Flower Committee will begin taking orders for poinsettias which will decorate our sanctuary at Christmas time. The cost this year is \$10.

Please see Betty Bava (786-0679), Margaret Johnson (525-7480), or Sharon Rozanski (786-8743). Orders must be received by Sunday, December 6th.

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On the calendar:

Friday, November 20th: 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Griswold Hall in use.

Saturday, November 21st: 1:00 p.m., Quilting Social.

Sunday, November 22nd: 10:00 a.m., Thanksgiving Sunday; 2:00 p.m., Cub Scout pack meeting; 4:00 p.m., Ecumenical worship service at Agawam Congregational.

Monday, November 23rd: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, November 24th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, November 25th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, November 26th: Office closed; 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Agawam Parish Association serving Thanksgiving dinner; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will present its 24th annual Christmas event - the "Singing Christmas Tree" - the first two weekends of December.

The massive steel structure comes to life with the addition of 75 singers and computer-controlled lighting. This year's musical is the collaborative work of Vader, Rouse, and Kirland entitled, "A Light Still Shines," which opens with a powerful overture and continues with new songs and familiar Christmas hymns.

The 75-voice Bethany Choir and 18-piece Bethany Orchestra join their musical voices for this spectacular event, Bethany Assembly's "Christmas gift to the Pioneer Valley."

There will be eight presentations of the "Singing Christmas Tree," with four the first weekend of December and four the second weekend. Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., will be the schedule for the first weekend. The times are the same for the second weekend, Friday, December 11th; Saturday, December 12th; and Sunday, December 13th.

Admission is free to this special Christmas event, and there is no reserved seating. There is signing for the deaf in all presentations. Make your plans now to include in your holiday festivities Bethany's 24th annual "Singing Christmas Tree" celebration. For more information, contact the church office at (413) 789-2930.

Holly Wreath Bazaar Coming To Agawam Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The bazaar will feature crafts, food, candy, Beannie Babies, and carriers, as well as beautiful handmade articles, attic treasures, baked goods, a children's table, and (of course) our famous Clothes Boutique.

Along with our own crafters, we will feature outside vendors with many special talents.

A delicious luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., so come and enjoy soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

Remember, Christmas is in the air!

Faith Bible Church Schedules Bazaar

Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 4th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Thanksgiving has been known to be one of the heaviest travel weekends during the entire year. Everyone is excited to visit family and friends, and anxiety levels are at an all-time high when traveling.

1. Please allow plenty of time to get yourself to the airport. Roads may have more traffic and accidents do occur, so allow extra time for any tie-ups.

2. The airports will be crowded — be patient! If you need to purchase tickets or exchange them, do it now. Don't wait until you get to the airport; this will only tie up an agent and cause delays.

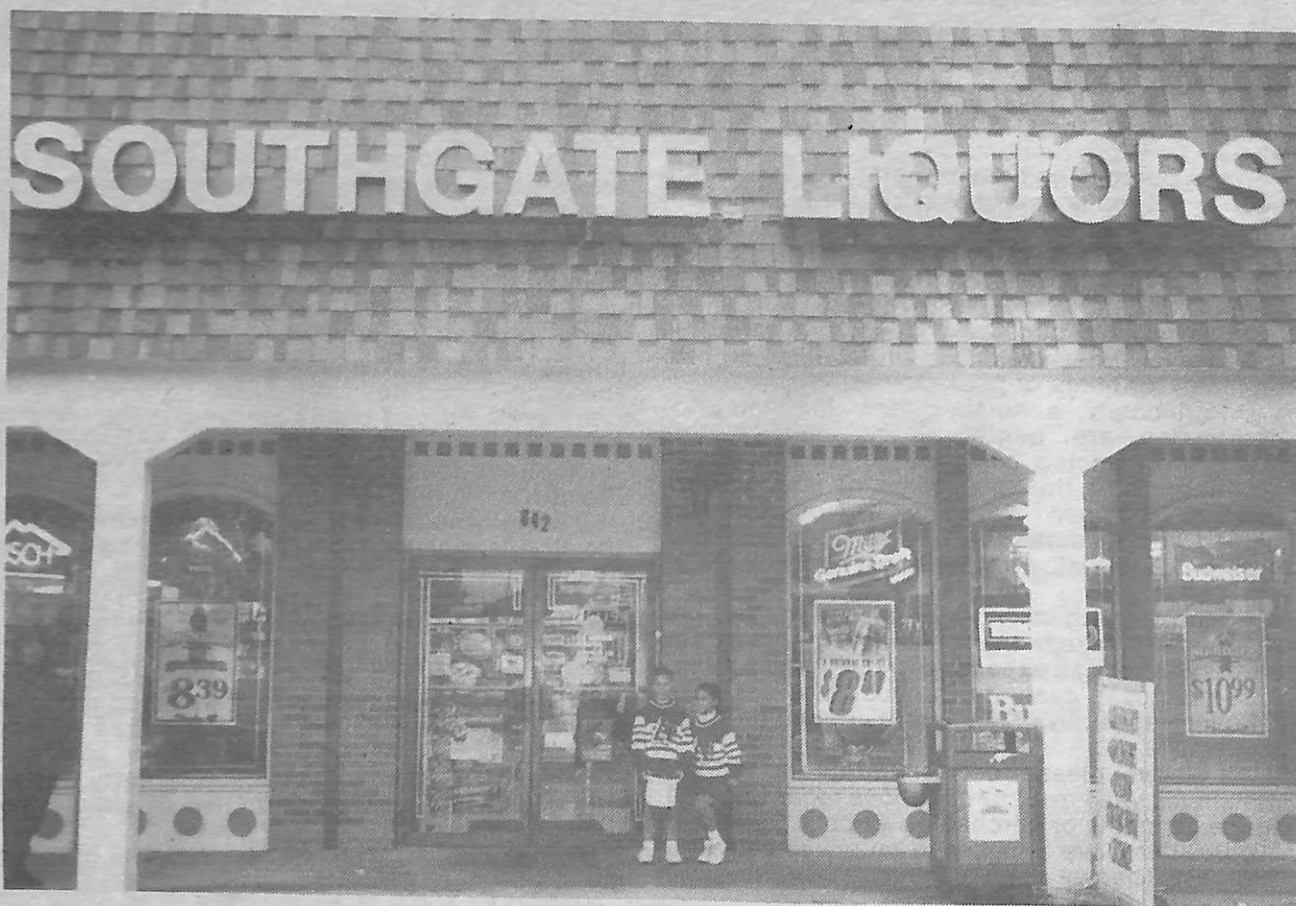
3. Bring snacks! The meal service is long gone, and airlines do not serve you the meals the way they did years ago. Things have changed and if you experience any delays, you will be hungry. Especially if you are traveling with children, bring crayons, books, little action figures, Game Boys ... anything that will help pass the time.

4. If at all possible, reconfirm directly with the airline you are flying on that your flight is leaving on time. Call folks on the other end so that they will not be sitting in the airport waiting. Give them your flight schedule so they can call the airlines and check on your arrival time.

5. Be careful — keep your purse and bags on you at all times. Do not leave your bags unattended at any time.

Some airlines are offering last-minute air fares. If you have not yet purchased your airline tickets, call your travel agent.

Peewee Cheerleaders Say "Thank You"...



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Inform your agent of any remodeling, and ask the agent to assess the replacement cost in person. If you have an expensive or older home, enlist a contractor to evaluate the cost of a complete rebuild, especially if you want it rebuilt in the same style.

As always, please feel comfortable to contact me should you have any questions regarding mortgage financing or purchasing a home. Call me at 731-6800 or leave a message on my voicemail at 846-0961. Thanks!

Legal Memo

by
Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.
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**Products Liability: Teenager Shot In Eye...**

The 14 year-old Plaintiff was injured when he was shot in the eye with a BB pellet which was emitted from an air rifle when his 14 year-old friend pointed the rifle at him and pulled the trigger. The incident occurred in the bedroom of the Plaintiff's house. The air rifle was owned by the Plaintiff's family.

The Plaintiff and his friend testified that they believed the rifle was empty. Before the incident, the Plaintiff had pointed the rifle in the vicinity of his friend and had pulled the trigger with no BB being emitted. The friend then pointed the rifle at the Plaintiff and pulled the trigger, resulting in the Plaintiff's injury.

The Plaintiff brought suit against the friend and the air rifle manufacturer. With respect to the suit against the manufacturer, the Plaintiff claimed that the rifle was a powerful and dangerous weapon but was nevertheless marketed for use by children.

The Plaintiff also alleged that the BB gun had an unreliable feed system which caused users to believe the gun was empty when it was in fact loaded.

The case settled at mediation, shortly before trial. Both Defendants contributed equally to the settlement.

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As a general rule, your monthly housing cost should not exceed 28 percent of your gross monthly income. If you have other long-term debt (car payments or credit card balances), that monthly debt plus your house payment shouldn't be more than 36 percent of your monthly gross income.

Since many lenders offer mortgage preapprovals, you might want to meet with a lender early in the home-buying process, so that you know what size loan you qualify for.

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Discussing "Kyphosis"...

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Answer: Although past trends set by the medical/drug industry implied that by taking calcium supplements, one can maintain a healthy, straight spine and prevent future spinal problems such as hunchback (kyphosis) from occurring, more needs to be said.

Advertising campaigns in the past had directed their dollars at a senior citizen market. However, very little evidence exists establishing improved structure (posture) by increasing your calcium intake.

Although not directly stated, the implication is that by taking a calcium product, you can stop this abnormal curvature from developing.

I agree that calcium coupled with sound nutrition, exercise, and rest is very important in maintaining a strong, healthy spine and dense bones. But heredity and spinal alignment are more important.

Inherited traits are impossible to change. So if your parents and other family members have a history of kyphosis (hunchback), then the chances are higher that you, too, will have the condition.

In addition to dietary supplementation, I highly recommend chiropractic management of those spinal areas most susceptible to spinal curvatures, usually the mid and lower back. Gentle, manipulative therapy restores and maintains proper joint mechanics in these regions.

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American Lung Association Announces Eighth Annual Christmas Seal Ball

The American Lung Association will be holding its eighth annual Christmas Seal Ball on Saturday, December 5th, at The Oaks in Agawam.

A silent auction, followed by dinner and a fashion show by Cohoes, will be featured, as well as dancing to "Breezin'" until 1:00 a.m. A round-trip airline ticket to Florida, a tuxedo donated by College Formals, a Beanie Baby donated by C & G Marketing, Oriental rugs, and many more items will be available for bidding at great prices.

Social hour is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. News anchor Brenda Garton from TV-22 will attend to act as

emcee.

Anthony Choquette, who has been chosen as this year's Christmas Seal Ambassador, will also attend.

The event is open to the public, and the cost for the dinner is \$85 per couple. Tables of eight or 10 are available as well, so bring your family and friends.

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Fibrocystic Breast Disease...

Many women develop breast pain known as fibrocystic breast disease. This can be an uncomfortable to somewhat painful benign cystic swelling of the breasts, usually just before menstruation.

The cysts fill with fluid and fibrous tissue surrounds the cysts, creating pain and pressure. The signs and symptoms of fibrocystic breast disease are:

- Small lumps in the breast.
- Breast pain and tenderness.
- Breasts tender to touch.
- Breast swelling.

The possible causes include:

- 1) Increased estrogen levels both from natural sources and birth control pills.
- 2) Increased prolactin levels (a hormone secreted by the pituitary gland for lactation).
- 3) Poor diet, caffeine, tea, and chocolates are all culprits.
- 4) Bowel dysfunction (less than three bowel movements per week increases the risk of fibrocystic breast disease).
- 5) Poor liver function.
- 6) Hypothyroidism and/or iodine deficiency.
- 7) Asthma medications that contain caffeine could make the problem worse.
- 8) Obesity.
- 9) Antibiotics can upset intestinal flora and decrease proper elimination of estrogen.

Some nutritional supplements that can help:

- Essential fatty acids (gamma-linolenic 19).
- Vitamin E.
- Thyroid and iodine supplement.
- B complex (to aid in liver function).
- Beta-carotene.
- Vitamin B6.
- Vitamin C.
- Enzymes.

Dietary and lifestyle applications:

- Eat a healthy diet. Avoid caffeine, tea, and chocolate. Avoid saturated fats, but increase your intake of essential fatty acids. Eat plenty of fiber. A vegetarian diet, which is low in fat and dairy-free, is recommended. Be sure to consume adequate amounts of iodine (fish and kelp). Meat should be avoided due to high estrogen content.
 - Avoid alcohol and smoking.
 - Be careful of medications, especially birth control pills (estrogen) and asthma medication (caffeine).
 - Check for hypothyroidism.
 - Liver and bowel detoxification is suggested.
- If you are experiencing any symptoms of fibrocystic breast disease, try some of the recommendations mentioned above to reduce discomfort. Don't forget — you are in control of your health ... take care of it!

Dr. Tami Nelson maintains a practice at Hampden County Chiropractic at 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Support Groups Offered At Noble Hospital

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, November 25th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at this meeting will be announced, and it will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

Diabetes: Tuesday, November 24th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietitian, will speak about healthy eating choices for persons with diabetes during the holidays. What's more, Cathleen Bastible, M.S., P.T., Registered Physical Therapist, will demonstrate stress-relieving exercises to help relieve holiday stress.

Best local news...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

The Science Behind Herbs

Use of herbals and botanicals as alternative medicines is not just for "healers" anymore. According to a NBC News "Prevention" magazine poll, approximately 16 million adults use herbal products.

However, a designation of "natural" on the label does not necessarily equal efficacy, purity, and safety. Because herbal products are not standardized, the same herb can be in different products in varying amounts, which leads to a confusing sea of options. Bernadette Marriott, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements, noted that all the active ingredients in herbals are not known, and "both basic and clinical research is needed."

Here's what science says about some of the more popular herbal remedies and issues surrounding botanical use.

St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*): St. John's Wort has been used for over a thousand years in the treatment of several maladies, including kidney and lung disorders, and has been used widely in Germany for the treatment of anxiety, depression, and sleep disorders.

As with many botanicals, much of the research has been conducted in Europe, and 28 studies were conducted abroad on St. John's Wort. U.S. agencies do not recognize foreign research. But, because of its promise in treating depression, the NIH's National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Office of Alternative Medicine, and Office of Dietary Supplements are sponsoring a

multicenter, randomized, clinical trial of St. John's Wort.

The study is comparing St. John's Wort to a placebo and a commonly prescribed antidepressant for patients with major depression. "This study will give us definitive answers about whether St. John's Wort works for clinical depression," said NIMH Director Steven E. Hyman, M.D. "The study will be the first rigorous clinical trial of the herb that will be large enough to fully assess whether it produces a therapeutic effect."

Ginkgo biloba: Ginkgo biloba comes from the Chinese maidenhair tree that is over 200 million years-old, and the plant is one of the most widely studied and prescribed herbal remedies in Europe. One of the first studies of Ginkgo biloba in the United States documented its effectiveness in treating Alzheimer's disease.

It has also been found to have positive effects on some types of deafness and macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy (damage to the eye). It may also have an antidepressant effect. In Germany and France, seven out of eight well-controlled clinical trials showed positive effects of Ginkgo biloba in the treatment of cerebral (brain) dysfunction. Some symptoms typical of cerebral dysfunction include difficulties of concentration, difficulties of memory, absent-mindedness, and confusion.

A 52-week, multi-center study of 309 males and females diagnosed with uncomplicated dementia (memory loss) was conducted to determine the efficacy of Ginkgo biloba for dementia. The placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomized trial, published in 1997 in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (278:1111327, 1997) concluded "[Ginkgo] was safe and appears capable of stabilizing and, in a substantial number of cases, improving the cognitive performance and the social functioning of demented patients for six months to one year." Despite these positive results, there were some criticisms of the trial which warrant further research. The study experienced a high dropout rate and one-third of the patients actually got worse.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 413-786-2957.

Noble Hospital Is Seeking Volunteers

The Volunteer Services Department at Noble Hospital is looking for individuals interested in volunteering at the hospital. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available, including the Coffee Shop Clerk, Gift Shop Clerk, Admitting Host/Hostess etc.

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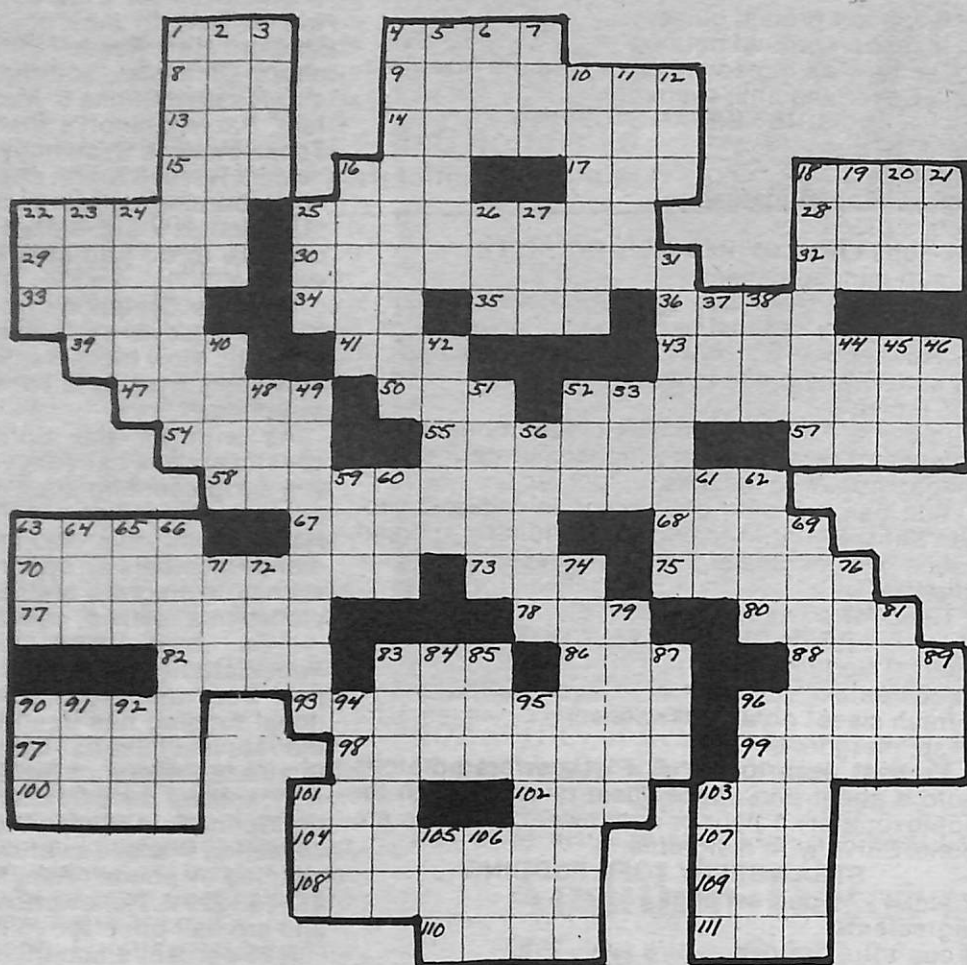


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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni



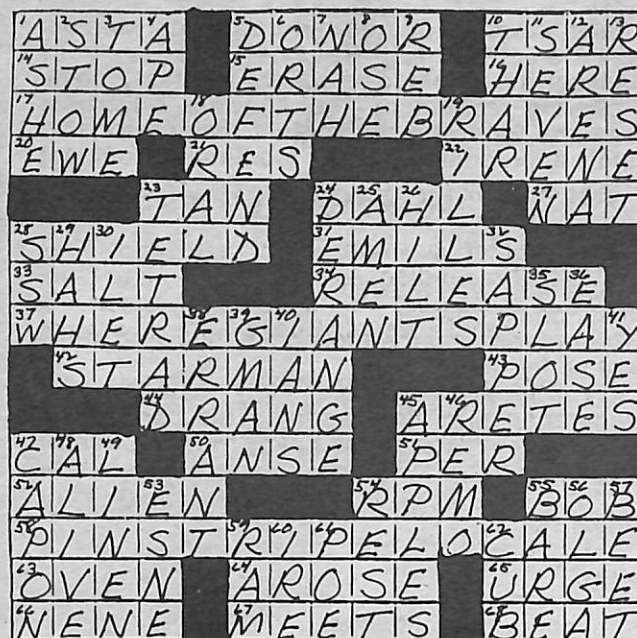
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Last Week's Solution...



Health Grant Awarded To Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library has been awarded a Health Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

During the upcoming year, the Library will be investing in medical materials for both adult and reference sections. They will also bookmark health sites on their Internet workstations.

The grant will also allow the Library to sponsor health programs. The November issue of the Agawam Public Library Newsletter says to "watch for displays within the library promoting our new health materials, and read the newsletter for features on programs and medical resources available from the library."

For more information, the library's number is 789-1550. Donna Campbell, Library Director, is grateful for the responses given by patrons to the grant survey. She believes that these were helpful in the library's success in being selected for the Health Grant.

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Because of Thanksgiving, we will publish our next edition on Tuesday, November 24th; therefore, our deadline is Saturday, November 22nd, at 12:00 noon.

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Dick Mastroianni's "Meet The Master" is a weekly feature of AAN...

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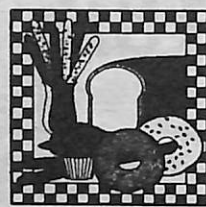
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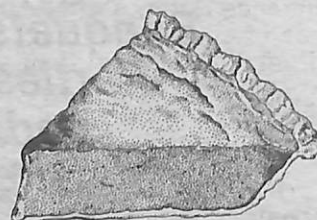
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More Thanksgiving Recipes From The Healthful Gourmet

Peter Savenko of Agawam, Baystate Medical Center's Healthful Gourmet, wants your Thanksgiving dinner to be healthy and tasty, so he is offering readers of The Agawam Advertiser News the following "healthful" recipes for this rapidly approaching holiday (continued from last week).

ROAST TURKEY

Yield: 1 big family

Ingredients:

25 lb. turkey (well-thawed)

3 tbsp. onion powder

Prior to roasting the turkey, the following steps must be followed:

1. Turkey must be completely thawed under refrigeration prior to roasting. This can be accomplished by moving the turkey from the freezer 3 days prior to roasting and placing it in a shallow roasting pan where it can thaw in your refrigerator.

2. Remove neck and giblets from cavity of turkey.

3. Rinse interior and exterior of turkey thoroughly with cold water.

The turkey is now ready to be roasted.

Preheat your oven to 250° F. Dust the turkey with the onion powder and then place the turkey breast down on wire rack in roasting pan. Place turkey into oven at 250° F for 10 hours. After 10 hours, turn turkey over breast side up. Increase oven temperature to 350° F. Put turkey back into the oven for 1 hour. Check internal temperature (in thigh). Temperature should read 160° F. If it does not read this temperature, put the turkey back in until it reaches the 160° F temperature.

CRANBERRY-ORANGE RELISH

Yield: 8 servings (65 calories per ¼ cup serving)

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh cranberries, finely chopped

2 tbsp. grated orange rind

1 medium orange, peeled, sectioned, seeded, and chopped

1 medium-size green apple, cored and finely chopped

⅓ cup sugar

¼ teaspoon ground ginger

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl; stir well. Cover and chill overnight.

MOIST BREAD STUFFING

Yield: 10 cups

Ingredients:

1 cup whipped margarine

2 cups diced celery

1½ cups chopped onions

¼ cup minced parsley

¾ cup cholesterol free egg substitute

2 tsp. poultry seasoning

½ tsp. pepper

18 cups white bread cubes

2¼ tsp salt

In 8-quart Dutch oven over medium heat, cook celery and onions in hot whipped margarine until tender, about 10 minutes.

Add parsley, salt, poultry seasoning and pepper; stir well until thoroughly mixed. Stir in bread cubes and cholesterol free egg substitute; mix together well.

Bake for 45 minutes at 350° F.

FRESH BAKED SWEET POTATO

Yield: 6 portions

Ingredients:

6 fresh sweet potatoes (washed)

6 tsp. margarine

Preheat oven to 400° F. Place sweet potatoes onto a sheet pan. Place sheet pan into oven for approximately 1 hour or until sweet potatoes are done. Serve with margarine.

STRAWBERRY TOFU PUDDING

Yield: 4 - ½ cup servings

Ingredients:

1 cup tofu, drained

1 cup fresh strawberries, stems removed, washed

2 tbsp. granulated sugar

Combine all of the above ingredients into a blender cup.

Blend at high speed for approximately 1 minute or until mixture is smooth and creamy.

Chill and serve.

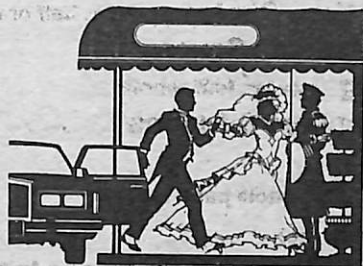
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From Russia With Love An Evening Of Classical Enchantment

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Mark Russell Smith describes the overture as a "barn-burning curtain raiser," and says that it is "fast and exciting. It does everything you want an overture to do and sets the mood for the entire evening."

He calls Symphony No. 5, "the quintessential heart-on-sleeve symphony. It has a wonderful romantic slow movement, with sweeping strings. This unequivocally is Tchaikovsky's most beloved symphony."

As with all the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's classical concerts, Mark Russell Smith will be presenting *Classical Conversations*, a pre-concert discussion, at 7:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall. This informal and informative talk gives audience members an opportunity to learn about the evening's program and ask questions about the pieces in a relaxed, casual setting.

From Russia With Love is sponsored by PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP with special support from the Wood Family Foundation. Additional funding has been made available through the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. concert are available at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at 413-733-2291. Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$36, and are half-price for youths four through 17.

A 25 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more. Come join us for an evening of magic and romance, as we celebrate Russian composers with *From Russia With Love* at Springfield Symphony Hall.

Auditions Slated For Evening Of One-Acts

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's club, has announced the dates of auditions for its upcoming evening of one-acts.

The auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th, at 7:00 p.m. There are parts available for anyone ages 15 and up. All auditions will be held at the Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

Performances will be held on January 15th and 16th, with rehearsals to begin in early December. Everyone will be asked to read from the scripts.

Should you have any questions, please call the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.



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On December 5th or 6th, join the Springfield Symphony for a good, healthy dose of holiday cheer!

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and Cantor Morton Shames will delight audiences with their annual holiday concert, which includes a sing-along led by Maestro Smith, a surprise guest, and more! The concert will begin with "Music Fit For a King," which will include traditional selections such as *Good King Wenceslas*, *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, and *Many Moods of Christmas*.

After intermission will be "Music for the Child in All of Us," which will feature *It's Christmastime*, *The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on the Open Fire)*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, and many other old favorites.

To celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, Cantor Morton Shames will entertain audiences again this year with his superb voice.

Leading the audience in a rousing sing-along, Maestro Smith will encourage everyone to participate in the concert!

Holiday Pops on December 5th is sponsored by Fleet Bank, with Sunday's matinee performance on December 6th co-sponsored by Health New England and The John C. Otto Co., Inc. The media sponsor for both concerts is WGGB-TV/News 40, and additional funding has been provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Tickets for the concerts are still available at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) at 413-733-2291. Tickets prices range from \$7 to \$36, and are half-price for youths four through 17.

A 25 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more. In keeping with the holiday spirit, audience members are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys for the benefit of the Department of Mental Health, Springfield Case Management Holiday Party.

Pilgrim Program For Children At Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills elementary students (grades K and up) are invited to the library on Tuesday, November 24th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for a program on Pilgrim children.

The program will include the filmstrips "Sarah Morton's Day" and "Samuel Eaton's Day," based on the books by Kate Waters. They depict a day in the life of a child living in the 1600's.

Early American refreshments will be served. PLEASE REGISTER BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, BY CALLING 789-1550, OR VISITING THE LIBRARY AT 750 COOPER STREET, AGAWAM.

Agawam Artist Wins Prize For Painting...



BOB SPORN of Debra Lane, Agawam, proudly shows his award-winning painting, "Birds in Flight," which won third prize at the Jewish Community Center's Annual Art Show. Bob studies painting with Florida Tangocci, exhibits yearly at the Agawam Senior Center, and gets lots of pleasure in giving his paintings as gifts to his friends.

Audition Dates Changed For Westfield Theatre Guild's Upcoming "Camelot"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, has announced new audition dates for its 1999 spring musical, "Camelot," to be directed by Bob Laviolette with musical direction by David Kidwell.

Auditions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15th and 16th, at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street.

Westfield. There are lead and chorus roles available for ages 16 and up.

Anyone auditioning should be prepared to sing a short piece and read from the script. Rehearsals will begin in late January, with the show dates scheduled for April.

Questions may be directed to the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.

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- * Tossed Salad w/Dressing of Your Choice (quarter, half or whole pan)
- * Stuffed Shells w/Cheese in Marinara Sauce
- * Greek Salad w/greek dressing (quarter, half, whole)
- * Pan of Cut-Up Sausage w/ Peppers & Onions (quarter, half or whole pan)
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“Oliver” To Premiere At AHS...



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S production of “Oliver” will take place in the school auditorium this Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, November 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each, and they may be reserved by calling 562-3366 or purchased at the door. IN LEFT PHOTO: Cast members Diane Griffin, Justin Bushey, and Robin Przybyla during a lively moment. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Matt Couture, Jay Yarymowicz, and Justin Bushey.

Highlights From Jr. High's PTO Meeting For October

The Agawam Junior High School PTO held its second meeting on Monday, October 26th. Past meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and a report from this year's fundraiser chairperson were presented.

The fundraiser was a great success and we want to thank all the students, families, and school staff for all their hard work. A special thank-you to Leslie Young, our fundraiser chairperson, for all the time and hard work she put in to make the magazine drive such a success.

Three requests were discussed, voted on, and all approved.

David Littlewood and John Burns have requested funds for materials to build toy trains in the technology education classes. These trains will be distributed to needy Agawam families for Christmas.

Karen Shugrue has requested funds to purchase books to start a book discussion group after school.

Ellie Placzek has requested funds to purchase chess sets to start a chess club after school.

We voted and approved an allocation of \$7,000 for upcoming field trips that will benefit all seventh- and eighth-grade students.

We are hoping the ski club will continue this winter. Ski resorts are being researched and more information will follow.

The next PTO meeting will be held on November 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you there.



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Guidance Counselor

A mother comes into my office to discuss her son's low grades. "Well, I just don't understand it. He really is a bright kid, but he does have this job now that he goes to right after school and he works until 9:00 p.m., but he tells me he can get his work done in school."

Leaning forward, I say, "Did you tell him that if his grades go down, the job will have to cease?" "No," she replied. "I mean, he told me he could handle everything and when I first saw that the grades were low, we did talk about it, but he promised me that he had everything under control and not to worry, so I didn't."

"Well," I say, "unfortunately, you have enabled your son to continue to get low grades."

The well-meaning mom looked at me dumbfounded. How many times do we think we're being good parents, but, in actuality, we are enabling behavior to continue?

Consider the following. If we get annoyed that a child's room would make a pigpen look like a palace, yet we are the ones who constantly pick it up, then we are enabling the child to continue having a messy room! Likewise, if we wonder why our child has difficulty with decision-making, yet we make all the decisions for him, then we should reassess the situation and realize we are enabling. We must empower our children to take ownership of their own problems. In this way, they will take ownership of their decisions and consequences.

Yes, enabling is a powerful word that clearly impacts our lives. For a moment, think about discipline. If appropriate action is not taken at home or school to preclude the unwanted behavior, then it's almost a given that the negative behavior will continue. After all, why should it stop? Nothing was done to make the perpetrator stop and ponder his actions. It's important to recognize that by being too nice, we are not necessarily doing a child a favor.

Conjure up this image. A young child is learning to walk. Mom always holds his hand. Looking around at other children his age, Mom wonders why they are walking alone and hers needs assistance. Upon asking a friend, she is told, "Do you ever leave your child's side, go across the room, and call to him? I bet without your holding his hand, he'll try to walk to the other side of the room by himself."

You see, it's important to give your child space to walk alone, to not enable him to keep holding on.

As parents and educators, it is very important to be cognizant of enabling. Perhaps a child is not changing his ways because of our behavior. Let's, therefore, take a good look at ourselves, assess the situation, and empower ourselves to help our children make positive changes in their lives.

After all, if we do not let them suffer the consequences of their actions, why should they change those actions? Usually, change comes about when one is hurting and wants to stop the hurt. Well, if you stop the hurt, if you make it all better, if you enable your child, then he does not have to do the changing. And (this is a big AND) if he doesn't do the changing, then he will learn nothing from the experience. You know, often it is just easier for us, as parents, to do, but the easier way is not always the correct and constructive way.

To enable or not to enable ... the choice is ours, but the results are vastly different.

Half-Day Of School In Agawam On Wed., November 25th

This is a reminder that on Wednesday, November 25th, there will be a half-day of school at ALL of the schools in Agawam.

There will be no morning or afternoon kindergarten, and no Early Childhood classes.

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IN OCTOBER, these peer mediators (pictured above) from Agawam Junior High School visited the Agawam Police Station in order to receive their mediation training. Funds from the Junior High PTO paid for transportation costs and a graduation pizza party. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior High Peer Mediators Receive Training At Agawam Police Station

Last month, peer mediators at the Agawam Junior High School received their training at the Agawam Police Station. The school's PTO provided monies to pay for the cost of transportation and a graduation pizza party. The peer mediators would like to thank the PTO for its efforts, as well as the Agawam High School students who came to help with the training.

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The first grade class of Mrs. Linda Vooys at Phelps School would like to share their "Quilt of Thanksgiving." Each child drew a square of thankfulness. Mrs. Sally Loos, mother of first-grader Zackary, created a colorful quilt which captured the hearts of us all. We are thankful for the kindness and talent of Mrs. Loos!

Thanksgiving is fun. On Thanksgiving Day we eat turkey, squash, and cookies. My grandma, my grandpa, and my cousins come to my house.

Michael Paulin

Thanksgiving is special. On Thanksgiving Day we eat turkey. We go to Grandma's house. I love Thanksgiving.

Danielle Flynn

Thanksgiving is great. On Thanksgiving Day we eat at home. My family comes to my house.

Brianna Maggi

Thanksgiving is love. We go to my Grammy's house. Dad watches football. Everybody talks and eats the turkey and stuffing is the best!

Christopher Vella

Thanksgiving is when lots of people come to our house. We eat turkey, potatoes, and pie. Thanksgiving makes me feel great.

Lukos Buiso

Thanksgiving is special because I eat at my Noni's house. We eat turkey, mashed potatoes, and corn. We are happy that we have Thanksgiving.

Nicolette Gonyea

Thanksgiving is special. On Thanksgiving Day we eat turkey, mashed potatoes, and broccoli. My cousins come to my house.

Ashley M. Cross

Thanksgiving is fun. On Thanksgiving Day we go to Grandpa's and Grandma's house. We eat turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, and cake.

Jeff Bertrand



SALLY LOOS (far left), LINDA VOOYS (far right), and Mrs. Vooys' first-graders at Phelps Elementary School with their "Quilt of Thanksgiving." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Thanksgiving is special. We eat turkey, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Grandpa, Grandma, and my cousins come to my house.

Courtney Lyn Bussiere

On Thanksgiving we have turkey, stuffing, and ice cream. We go to my grandma's house. Thanksgiving makes me feel good.

Chris Quigley

On Thanksgiving everyone comes to my house. I play with my cousins. Dad watches TV.

Kyle Santos

On Thanksgiving I go to my dad's mom's house. We eat chicken, ham, and chocolate cake. Thanksgiving is fun.

David Blanchard

Thanksgiving is a feast. We eat chicken, turkey, and ice cream. Grandma comes to our house.

Steve Schwein

This Thanksgiving we are going to Uncle Bill's house. I play with my cousins.

Zackary Loos

Agawam And Feeding Hills Students On St. Thomas' 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Sister Lillian Reilly, Principal of Saint Thomas the Apostle School at 75 Pine Street, West Springfield, has announced that the following students from Agawam and Feeding Hills have attained honor roll standing for the school's first quarter.

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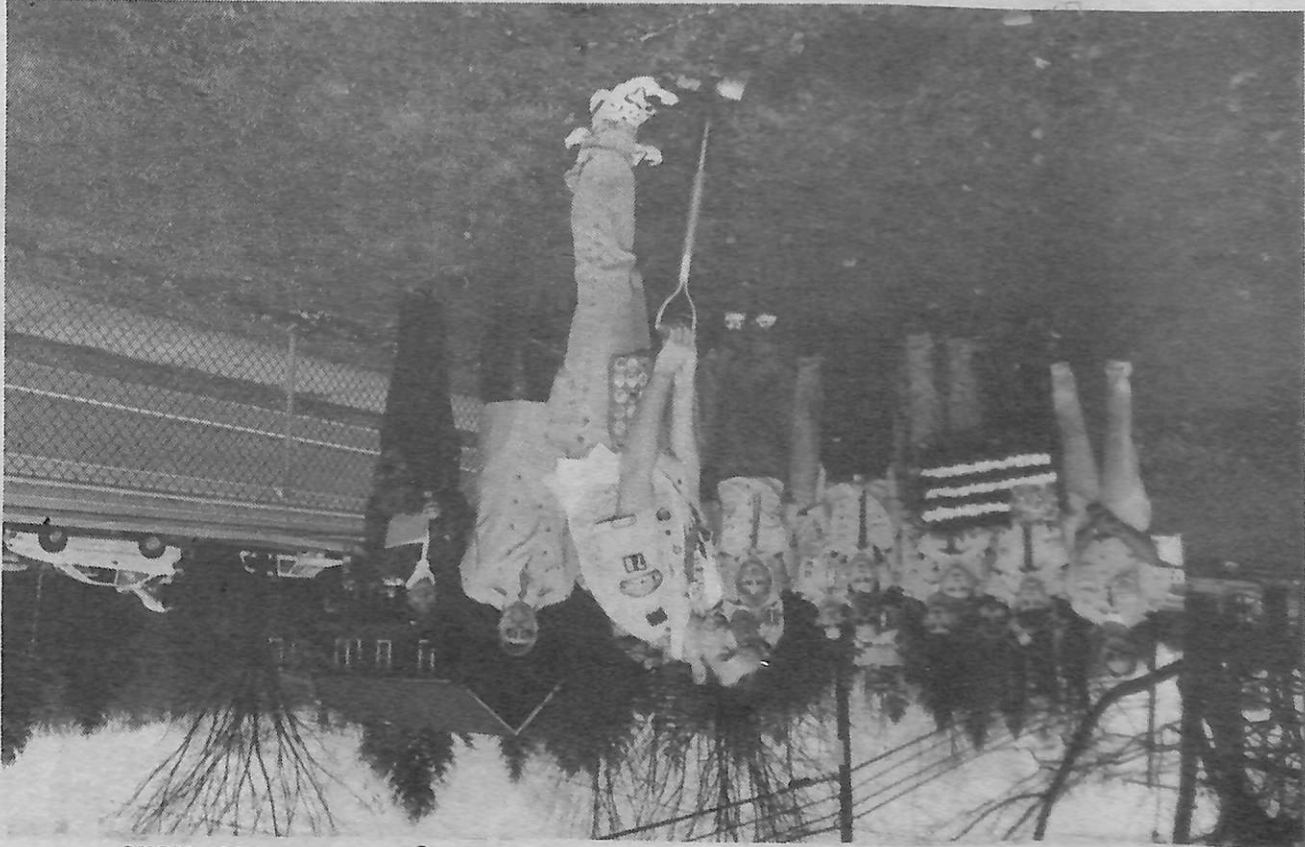
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BRIAN LABORDE of Boy Scout Troop 78 (sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein) at the groundbreaking for his Eagle Scout project — a flagpole at the South Westfield Street Cemetery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Scouts Break Ground For Cemetery Flagpole

Brian Laborde, a member of Boy Scout Troop 78, Springfield Turnverein, is planning on placing a flagpole at the South Westfield St. Cemetery as part of his Eagle Scout project. A groundbreaking was held on Veterans' Day with the approval of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and the Agawam Veterans' Council. Through his efforts, a flagpole has been donated by the Western Mass. Electric Company and Witch Equipment of Agawam has offered to help with the installation. Present at the ceremony were many of Brian's fellow scouts who

Parents Anonymous (PA) is a free and confidential support group for parents who would like their relationship with their children to be less stressful. At PA, parents have an opportunity to talk with others who may be having the same problems and learn to deal with the stress of parenting in ways that are healthier and happier.

Parents are welcome to join at any time and there are no fees or dues. Free child care is provided, and local groups meet in Westfield. If you are interested in joining this special group, please call the Western Massachusetts Regional Coordinator at 731-5051.

"Parents Anonymous" Is Open To the Public

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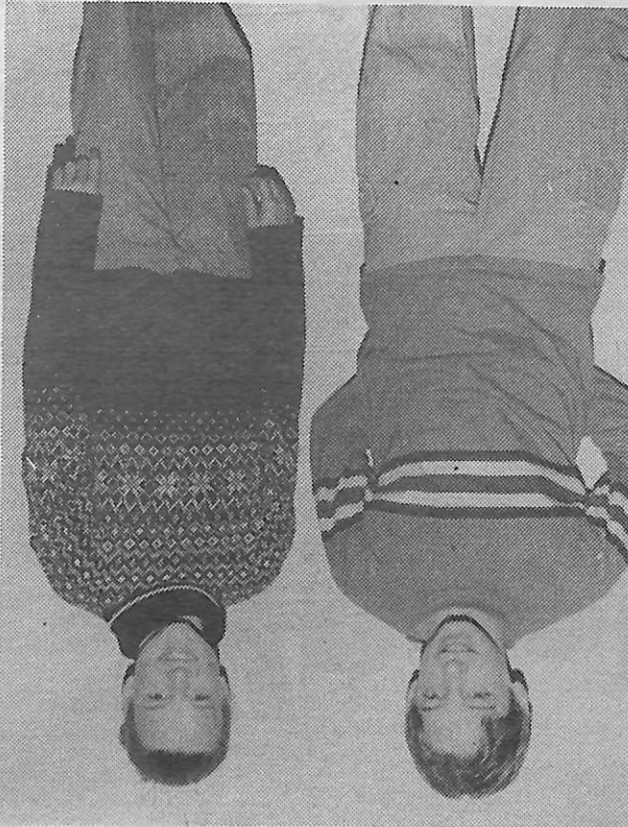
Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th: Thanksgiving vacation.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week.

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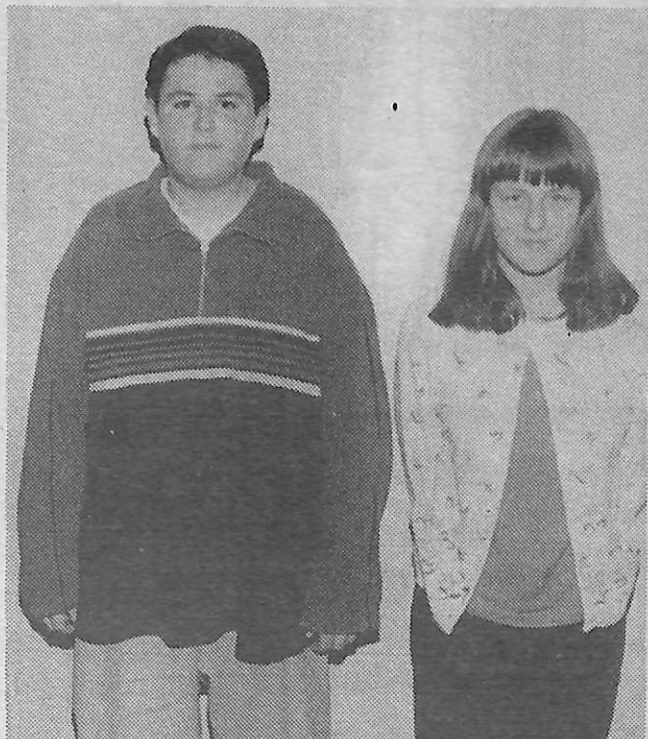
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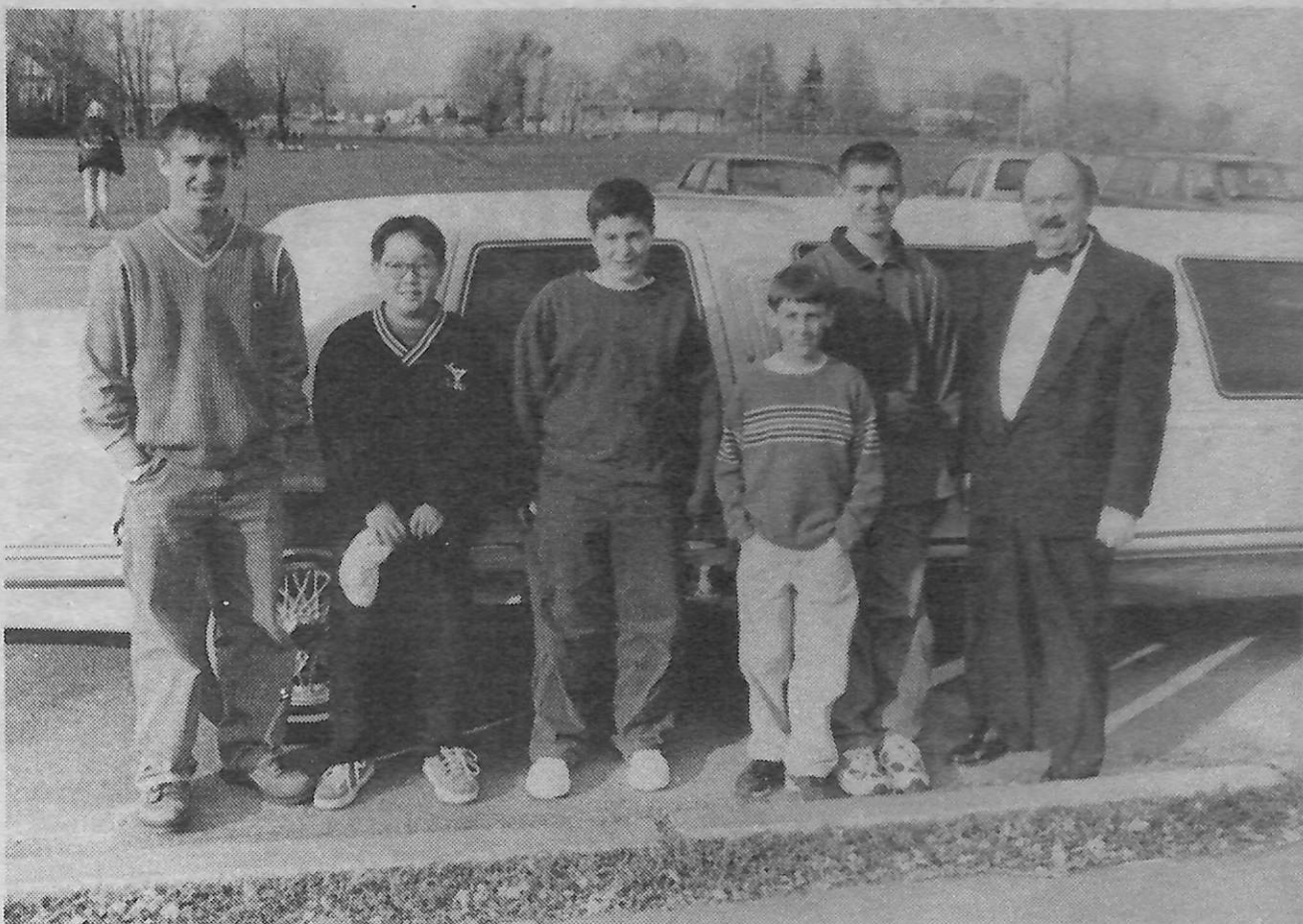


BEN SUNNY and JEN O'CLAIR were named the most recent eighth-grade "Artists of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AMANDA JANIK was named the most recent seventh-grade "Artist of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

These Students Know How To Travel...



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH PTO would like to thank all of the parents and children for supporting the fundraising magazine drive (which was once again a success). Christopher Martin and Christopher Pass were the top sellers of the eighth and seventh grades, respectively, and their efforts enabled them to enjoy a limousine ride to Chili's with a few of their friends. From left to right: Salvatore Santaniello, Christopher Martin, Christopher Pass, Steven Hopkins, Alfonso Santaniello, and Karl Gawron (of Michael's Limo). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chapter 766 Parents' "Support Group" Holds Meeting With School Administrators

What a great beginning! On Thursday, November 12th, parents of students in Chapter 766 met informally with Dr. Brosnan, head of Special Services, and Mr. Zabielski, principal of AHS.

Parents had the opportunity to gather information, ask questions, and have concerns addressed. Topics ranged from MCAS testing, graduation requirements, curriculum, and Content Support issues. The turnout was impressive!

Our thanks to Dr. Brosnan and Mr. Zabielski. We truly appreciate your expertise and knowledge. Thanks to all the parents who were able to attend and support this very informative meeting. We

hope that all future meetings go as well as this one did.

Our goal is to have parental and administrative involvement in "Special Ed" on a continuous basis. Watch for details on future meetings...

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MICHELLE BEAUDETTE

Michelle Beaudette Receives Special Cheerleading Award

Agawam Varsity Cheerleader and Senior Captain Michelle Beaudette was honored recently at the Shepard Hill Regional High School Cheerleading Competition.

Michelle was selected to receive the "Outstanding Leadership Award." This award is presented to a cheerleading captain who displays outstanding leadership qualities and dedication to her team.

The underclassmen on Agawam's Varsity team were asked to submit a short essay on why their captain should be considered for this award. The Shepard Hill varsity cheerleaders selected one entry from those nominated to receive the award.

The girls wrote, "Michelle Beaudette, our Senior Captain, has been an inspiration to us all. She is a role model who leads by example. Even though she had to deal with a recent injury, she still took the time to support and encourage us, never missing a day of practice. Her dedication and leadership is nothing compared to the friendship she has given us all."

Michelle has been cheerleading for eight years, and is a four-year member on Agawam's varsity team. She is treasurer of the senior class, a member of the prestigious Sachem staff (Yearbook), on National Honor Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society.

The Agawam cheerleaders and parents would like to congratulate Michelle on her award, and thank her for being such an outstanding role model and friend. She is a very special person and and very deserving of this honor.

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Season Review...

Coach Dillon Satisfied With Cross-Country's First Year

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

No one expected the fledgling Agawam High School girls' and boys' cross-country teams to shake up the just-completed Western Mass. championship held in Northfield on the rugged 3.1-mile Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center. They didn't.

Out of the 18 teams in boys' Division I, the Brownies finished 16th. There were also 18 teams on the Division I girls' side. The Brownies came in 18th.

The top finisher for the Agawam boys was Tony Goodrow. The junior placed 64th out of 126 runners. "He did well, even beating some kids who'd beaten him during the regular season," Coach Bill Dillon noted.

Junior Tiffany Scaife was 62nd out of a field of 122 girls.

Looking back on the season, which saw the boys go 4-8 and the girls 0-11, Dillon was satisfied with the program. "Yeah, for what we had, seven boys and seven girls on the team, things went pretty much as we expected."

The coach, who has over 20 years' experience in cross-country and track, added, "Numbers mean a lot in this sport. Numbers give you a chance to field more runners and also give you more experience for the future."

To that end, he is planning some strategy for the 1999 season: "We have to go out among the student body and recruit young runners; either those who are looking for a sport in which to participate, or kids who might be getting tired of the sport they are currently in and are interested in trying something else. There are a lot of good, competitive athletes at the High School."

Along with numbers, the desire to work is also important, according to Dillon. "When we get the young kids, they have to be willing to put in the miles so that when they become juniors and seniors, they'll be the heart of the program. That's the way cross-country works."

Coach Was Very Happy With Robinson State Park
He was very happy with their 3.1-mile home course at Robinson State Park — a course which Dillon had searched for with a computer disc showing the terrain of the entire Town of Agawam.

"The kids loved it and so did our competition when they came to town. It had hills, flats, bumps,



COACH BILL DILLON with his cross-country captains: Kelly Willett, Kristin Pisano, and Jason Gagne. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

and curves. In short, the course had something for everybody," Dillon said.

He mentioned that the only problem came when the leaves fell off the trees and covered the running surface. "We all pitched in and cleared the course with leaf blowers and rakes," Dillon said. He also tipped his hat to the people who work at the Park: "They were always very cooperative, which helped."

There will be some big challenges for the program as time goes by. "We still have to get the kids used to the sport. We ran all year against kids

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Junior Varsity Football...

Brownies Pounce On Cathedral's Young Panthers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High junior varsity football team beat the Cathedral High JV's on Monday afternoon, 28-6, at Harmon Smith Field, thus avenging (to a slight degree) the 46-8 varsity loss to the Panthers last Friday night.

The young Brownies scored on their first possession of the game. It came after some good defensive work by Tony Liquori, Dennis Liptak, and Russ Smith forced a Panther punt. The snap was blown and the ball was loose. It rolled all the way to the Cathedral five, where Agawam recovered it.

It took just one play, a five-yard effort off right tackle by junior Dave Moore, to get the Brownies on the board. The two-point attempt failed. Agawam led 6-0 with six minutes gone in the first quarter.

Cathedral struck on the kickoff. Shawn Carpenter took it at the 10 and went 90 yards down the left side for a score. They couldn't convert and it was 6-6.

Agawam didn't seem impressed. On its next possession, sophomore tailback Nick Beaudette took it up the middle and outran the defense for a 65-yard touchdown. The two-pointer by Moore was good and the Brownies went back on top, 14-6.

A Cathedral fumble at its own 27 led to the third Agawam score. Some nice running by Moore (15 yards) and Phil Sampson on a reverse (seven yards), plus a penalty on the Panthers, had the ball sitting on the six-yard line (first and goal). Seconds later, a pass from quarterback Vic Romano to Dennis Liptak made it 20-6, Agawam.

The Brownies Were Dominating...

With eight minutes left to go in the half, the Brownies were dominating. They recovered another Cathedral fumble at the Panthers' 30 but could do nothing with it.

The Panthers got the ball on downs. Sampson, Liptak, and a host of Agawam defenders drove the Panthers into a third and 20 situation, forcing a punt. It was weak, landing on the Cathedral 34. Agawam went to work.

Six plays later, Romano ran it in on a quarterback sweep from six yards out. The two-pointer was good and the Brownies went up, 28-6.

It would stand that way at the half and for the rest of the way. It was the JV's final game of the season and rose their record to 6-2-1.

STATS: Rushing — Beaudette (2-68, 1 TD); Moore (7-40, 1 TD); Liquori (3-14); and Sampson (1-16). Passing — Romano (3-5, 19 yards, 1 TD); Hanly (0-1); and Moore (0-1). Receiving — Liptak (1-6, TD); Hanly (1-6); and Michel (1-9). Defense — Liquori (interception), Aguinaga, and Michel (fumble recs.)

FRESHMEN: The Brownie freshmen lost to Cathedral last Friday afternoon, 22-14, thereby ending their season at 1-7-1.

AHS Gridiron Parents To Host Annual Thanksgiving Bonfire

Please join the Agawam High School Parents on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m., at Harmon Smith Field, for the annual pep rally and bonfire.

A pizza party for players and cheerleaders begins the evening at 6:00 p.m. Music, guest speakers, and senior recognition ceremonies will highlight the night. The "secreat cheerleader" unveiling will serve as the finale.

Help the Gridiron Parents give thanks to the team for an exciting season and encourage them to a "Turkey Day" win.

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who had run hundreds of miles over the summer. We have to sell them on year-round training," Dillon stressed.

He also mentioned the PVIAC meet in Southwick last week, which was even bigger than Western Mass. "There were 30 boys' and 24 girls' teams at that one." The boys finished 23rd; the girls placed 23rd. Goodrow was first for the Brownies, with a 103rd finish in a field of 207. Sophomore Valerie Siedlik came in first on the girls' side for Agawam and 90th in a field of 180.

"That meet really showed how much numbers mean. The teams that placed up top had not only experience, but three times the number of runners we had," Dillon noted. Then he added with a smile, "Someday, we'll be right up there with the best of them."

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Golf Team Season Review...

AHS Pleased Its Coach With Record "Away" From Home

by Dave Rollins
News Editor

The Agawam High boys' golf team recently capped off another successful season. They were second in Western Mass. and fifth in the State as a team.

Two-time All-Western Mass. performer Chris Rousseau grabbed second in the State Tournament and a second in Western Mass. Promising sophomore Andy Green finished tied for 14th in the States, which were held at the Springfield Country Club. At the end of the regular season, they finished with an 11-2-1 record (second behind eventual league champion, East Longmeadow High).

Long-time Coach Paul Bachini says he felt the season went pretty much the way he thought it might go. "East Longmeadow, who beat us for the league title the year before, replaced their two graduated seniors with two kids who were even better, as it turned out. They proved their worth in clutch matches against us, Cathedral, and Longmeadow. They deserved to win the whole thing again."

Was there one point in the season where the Brownies might have regained the league title they won in 1996? The coach thinks so. "Our first match against East Longmeadow at Elmcrest might have done it. We lost 9½ to 8½. One shot in our favor and we win."

Bachini went on to say that their second loss to the Spartans at the Agawam Municipal Course didn't take the fight out of the kids, even though they knew the title was probably out of the question. "I told them we still had a lot of golf to play. They went undefeated in our final eight matches."

The Brownies had only two seniors this season — the excellent Chris Rousseau and Bill Gensheimer, a pretty good golfer in his own right. "I'm not sure having only two seniors hurt us. After all, they were two pretty good seniors. Our supporting cast had talent," stated Bachini.

Along with Green, there was freshman Bill

Menard and junior Shawn Biebel. "They showed well. I think all of our kids just had that desire to win. Plus, many of them had been involved in the Western Mass. Tournament as underclassmen, which gave them invaluable experience," Bachini noted.

The Team's "Special Quality"...

The coach felt that if the team had a special quality this season, it was confidence on the opponent's home course. "We found that focus and concentration were the key when you went on the road. Observing the adjacent holes on the course as you're playing a hole helps a lot. Golf, by its nature (at this level), is a home-course advantage sport. But we went 7-2-1 away from home. That's encouraging."

The coach hopes the kids will work on competing over the off-season — not just playing practice rounds. "I don't want them hitting a bad shot, dropping a ball, and hitting another. I want them to find a good opponent and go out and play them like it was a State Tournament scenario."

Bachini also stressed another aspect of the game they must address — putting. "I'd rather have six good putters than six kids who can hit it a mile. The kids need to think two putts, and no more, every time they get on the green. Good putting can erase some bad shots out on the fairway."

Of course, Rousseau will graduate next spring. How do you replace a kid who will no doubt be named to the All-Western Mass. team for a third straight year? "You don't," Bachini smiled.

"What we hope to do is find a worthy kid, name him captain, and impress upon him the fact that he has to play a game equal to the position. Somewhere down a fairway during a match, he'll realize what we're asking of him. I think that will raise his game and help the team," Bachini added.

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For more information, call Peter Sadowski at 789-6189.

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The Agawam Police Department will hold a public hearing on November 27, 1998 at 6:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss use of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

By Order of Robert Campbell, Chief of Police
Agawam Police Department

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 3, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Brian Fitzgerald for an Amendment to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Katy Heights.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Bruised Brownies Bow To Unbeaten Cathedral High

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There are many choice words you could use to describe Agawam High's 46-8 loss to unbeaten (9-0) Cathedral Friday evening at Harmon Smith Field.

Okay, we'll use some. How about "ouch," "pain," or "hurt"? They can be used in polite company and describe what happened on this supposedly unlucky Friday the 13th night in this AA Conference matchup. There was nothing unlucky in the Brownie loss. The Panthers just massacred them the way the Indians did Custer. No prisoners were taken in this battle.

As time would reveal, the game was over from virtually the opening bell. Cathedral junior Vin Buoniconti opened the game with a 71-yard kickoff return that saw the ball on the Brownie 20 with only 24 ticks off the clock. On the first play from scrimmage, Panther standout Mike Buoniconti capped off the opening effort with a 20-yard touchdown run. The kick was good and the visitors led 7-0 with 30 seconds gone in the game.

No Excuses

Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli would use no excuses when star running back Brian Gallagher had to sit out the Longmeadow game (a 32-6 loss) earlier in the season because of a dislocated left shoulder. There would be no excuses in this one. Despite the fact that Gallagher gives them ball control, a backfield full of Gallaghers wouldn't have helped here. Agawam's first possession saw them go three and a punt.

Cathedral took the ball after a good 40-yard Brian St. Jean punt at its own 21. Five plays and 1:44 later, senior running back Will Torres would bring it in from seven yards out with 7:22 left in the first quarter. St. Jean blocked the extra point, but the Panthers upped their lead to 13-0.

The Brownies seemed to be getting untracked on their next possession. Behind the running of Mike O'Connor (filling in for Gallagher), St. Jean, Jason Daigneau, and Dave Moore, they had the ball at the Panther 20-yard line. However, an errant pass in the flat was picked off at the 10 and the Agawam threat went by the boards.

It was first and 10, Cathedral at its own 34 when AHS was struck again. Behind 33-yard and 10-yard runs by Torres, eight yards by Vin Buoniconti, and six from Mike Buoniconti, Torres got his second touchdown of the game from seven yards out with 2:49 left in the first quarter. The two-point conversion worked and the Brownies were now in the hole to the tune of 21-0.

The Brownies, after the kickoff, went three and a punt as the Panther defense, a step quicker, was everywhere the Agawam offense went, hunting the runners down like hounds after a rabbit.

Second Quarter Not Much Better

The second quarter arrived, but things didn't get one bit better for the Brownies. Cathedral marched from its own 25 to paydirt in six plays and three minutes. Things stood at 28-0 with 9:57 left in the half.

The Brownies made another effort, but by now the wheels were spinning. They were at their own 19-yard line, facing a third and 12 situation. St. Jean faded back and threw down the left side. It was picked off by an old friend, Mike Martin, who returned it to the Brownie 29. The 6' 3", 190-pound junior, who is a defensive back and quarterback for Cathedral, as well as a standout basketball player, smiled over that.

"We want to do well against everyone. But for me, there is a little extra effort against this team," said the former AHS student. His pick set up the next Panther score, a 29-yard run by Mike Buoniconti over right tackle with 9:10 left. The PAT was no good, but the score was, indeed, looking okay for the Panthers as they came upfield in possession of a 34-0 lead.

"This is always a big game for me," Buoniconti said. "Most of the guys on Agawam are my old teammates. I always want to do well against them," the 5' 10", 180-pound tailback and former town resident said. Then he added, "But besides that, a win for us here and we win the AA Conference. I thought our line just completely controlled the line of scrimmage tonight, with traps and counters. And all our running backs had huge holes open for them."

Agawam managed to get off four plays before it had to punt again.

Martin came in to play quarterback for the Panthers on their next possession. He skillfully ran the offense, leading them on a 65-yard drive. Shaun Carpenter, who went over from 19 yards out with 45 seconds left, increased the lead to 40-0. And that was the half.



BRIAN ST. JEAN played tough against the Panthers. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Cathedral was more than dominant in the first half. They had 311 yards on the ground as opposed to Agawam's 57. Torres alone had 114 and two touchdowns on seven carries. Mike Buoniconti had 83 on six carries, plus two touchdowns.

The action in the second half trailed off dramatically. Panther Coach Mike Ballard, in his third year and perhaps remembering when his club went 1-8 with a bunch of sophomores a couple years ago, was happy not many teams ran it up against him.

So, he put in the reserves at various positions. Agawam took the kickoff and after two plays, got intercepted. Cathedral had the ball at the Agawam 31 and fumbled it away at the Agawam 29, where Jason Daigneau recovered it.

A Panther interception, their third of the game, squashed another Agawam offensive attempt. The Panthers fumbled their opportunity. And the Brownies recovered at the 29. Agawam went nowhere and ended up with a shanked punt, which Cathedral gathered up at the Agawam 20. It had become a comedy of errors then for both teams.

Agawam recovered a Cathedral fumble at its own 34. Then Mike Buoniconti intercepted a pass (Cathedral's fourth) at the Brownie 31 and ran it in for his third TD of the game, increasing his season total to 15. It was the only play of the contest where the Panther offensive line didn't dominate en route to a score.

AHS Finally Finds A Little Offense Of Its Own...

Trailing 46-0, Agawam finally found a little offense of its own. They had the ball to start the final quarter. St. Jean completed a six-yard pass to Daigneau, which gave them a third and three at the Cathedral 37.

Then St. Jean went to work. On fourth and three, he rolled right on the option, broke three tackles, and brought the ball to the Panther 25-yard line. Unfortunately, a personal foul upfield (after he was knocked out of bounds) negated a fine 38-yard effort. The ball was set back to the 40 of Cathedral. Another option right by the junior

quarterback gained 15 yards to the Panther 25. Moore gained four to the 21.

Daigneau then swept around right end behind some good blocks by Marc Pedraza and Mike Wood for a 20-yard gain to the Panther one. Mike O'Connor ran it in with 6:52 left. The key blockers were Eric Pedersen and Ben Colcord. St. Jean got the two points. Agawam was on the board but down, 46-8. The total drive covered 80 yards and took 6:03 and eight plays.

The game ended with the Brownies in possession of the ball. But by then everyone was waiting for time to run out. Agawam goes to 3-6, 1-4. Cathedral, by virtue of the win, now stands at 9-0, 5-0, with the AA Conference in their grasp and a trip to the Division I Super Bowl.

AGAWAM STATS: Rushing — St. Jean (8-45); O'Connor (12-44, 1 TD); Daigneau (3-31); Moore (5, minus 9). Passing — St. Jean, 10 atts., 1 comp. (6 yds.), 4 int. Receiving — Daigneau, 1-6 yds. Punting — St. Jean, 4-117 (29.2). Kickoffs — St. Jean, 2-91 (45.5). Kickoff returns — Daigneau, 4-70 (17.5); O'Connor, 1-19; Moore, 1-13; Pedraza, 1-10.

BROWNIE NOTES: Their next game will be on Thanksgiving morning (at 10:00 a.m.) versus the Terriers at West Springfield. It is not known if **Brian Gallagher** will be back for that one. There were some Brownies who showed well in this one. **Brian St. Jean** gave his usual gutsy performance on offense and saved some scores on long Panther runs when he switched to the other side of the ball.

Senior cornerback **Ryan Drobot** also stepped up with some hard hits on the runners who seemed to always be loose in the defensive backfield. Also, co-captain **Bob Fuller** and lineman **Mike Wood** did what they could for the effort. **Mike O'Connor's** touchdown was his fourth of the season.

With his two-point conversion to go along with seven TD's, St. Jean now has 52 points for the year. Gallagher leads the team with nine TD's and two two-point conversions for a total of 58 points, despite missing two games.

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Profile...

Captain Jason Gagne Reflects On Cross-Country's Inaugural Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Jason Gagne has just finished up with the Agawam High cross-country team. He was the boys' captain for the first-year program. He took some time out recently to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Jason turned 18 on November 11th. He stands 5'9" and weighs 150 pounds. All four years of his secondary education have been spent at Agawam High School.

His course load this semester is a heavy one — multi-media II, advanced math, physics, English 12, culinary arts, gym, and the yearbook (where he is responsible for the layout). His favorite courses are math and physics. "They interest me because someday I would like to be an engineer," Jason said.

Arthur Gage is his favorite teacher.

He would like to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester and major in computer science. He is a member of the school's computer science team. "Last winter, we went up to Westfield State College and won the Western Mass. Computer Science Programming title for the third straight year," he said proudly.

Jason competes in two sports, cross-country and track. He competes in indoor track during the winter. His specialties in that sport are the 300 meters, low hurdles, and 4x4 relay.

His top sport is track, a sport that he feels AHS will be strong in during the spring of 1999. "We have a lot of experience plus some talented underclassmen. That will help us," he smiled.

Personally, he feels his chances in the 330 hurdles (his favorite discipline) are good. "I think I can finish second in Western Mass.," he commented, adding, "I say second because Greg Devine of Central High is probably the best in the hurdles around here."

His most memorable sports moment came in the hurdles. "The first time I ever ran them in a meet, I tripped over one and went down. It was embarrassing in front of all the spectators. But I got up and finished. I even beat some kids who didn't fall," he laughed.

Reflections On Cross-Country Season...

How does he see the just-completed cross-country season? "Considering we were all newcomers in a new program, we did well. Coach (Bill) Dillon knows the sport. Like

everyone on the boys' and girls' teams, no one had ever run distances before. Personally, he made me a good distance runner."

Jason, who finished 78th out of a field of 126 at the Western Mass. meet, mentioned the fact that they had to run two miles up the side of Northfield Mountain before heading back down. "That was tough. But the coach had us prepared for it."

Jason's favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs. "It has to have my mom's homemade sauce on it, though," he said.

Green is his favorite color.

His top wheels would be a Mitsubishi 3000 GT.

He likes the Oakland Raiders.

His taste in clothes run to Abercrombie and Fitch and American Eagle. He likes the preppy look. "Just a little. I don't overdo it," he pointed out.

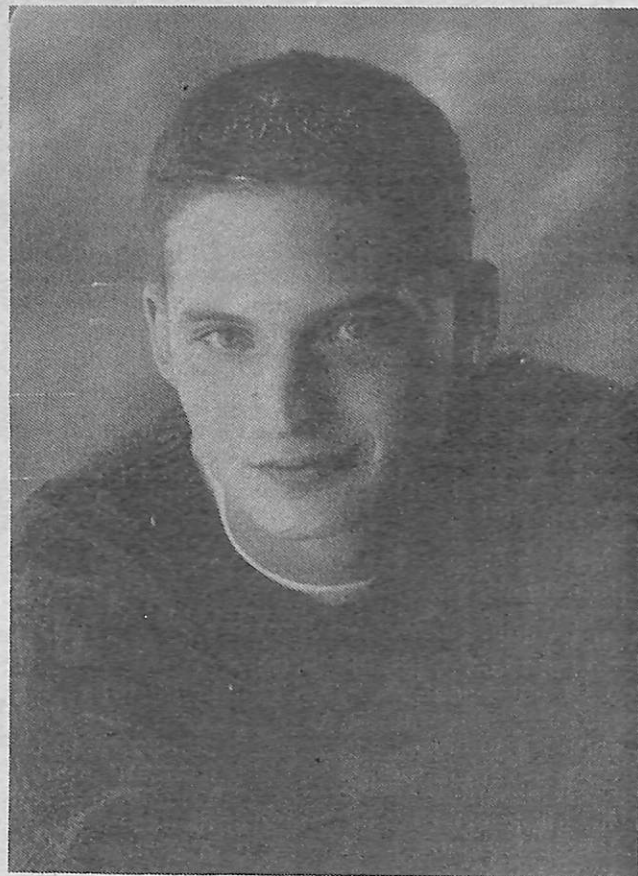
"Seinfeld" is his top tube pick. "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise, is his favorite flick.

His mom's name is Jeannine. Roger is his dad. He has a sister, Sue, who is a junior at AHS.

He looks up to his father's brother, Gary, who is an engineer for the Town of Belchertown. "He went to college and worked hard to make something out of himself," Jason noted.

When his days at AHS are done, Jason wants to be remembered thusly: "I tried everything that was afforded me. I was a participant who sometimes succeeded and sometimes failed, but was always right there."

Cross-country Coach Dillon had this to say of his captain and number-two boys' runner: "Jason continued to improve with every meet. He earned the captain's spot because he's a leader. And he showed that quality throughout the season."



AHS SENIOR JASON GAGNE, the captain of the 1998 boys' cross-country team.

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With The Help Of A New Coach...

Freshman Boys' Soccer Finishes Outstanding Season At 14-1-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Freshmen teams in any high school sport are the incubators where, hopefully, future stars are born, nurtured, and sent on to bigger and better things with the junior varsity and varsity clubs.

If that is so, then the Agawam High freshman team this year will be sending out some serious roosters. They finished 14-1-1 and came but one goal away from an unbeaten season (a 1-0 loss to West Springfield in the season's finale).

The new freshman coach is Jeff Rousseau, formerly of Agawam soccer fame. "I was a little surprised things went so well. I really didn't know the kids or how competitive they would be. I really didn't expect to beat some of the teams we beat, plus beat them by the scores we beat them by," he said.

Some cases in point are - Cathedral (7-0, 3-0), Ludlow (1-0, 4-0), Longmeadow (5-0, 4-0). "Those are excellent programs with great talent," Rousseau said. "We had to, in some cases, modify our scoring strategy; having some kids use their opposite shooting leg or only shoot with their head. We weren't going to run it up because coaches have short memories. I wouldn't want someone doing that to me," he noted.

A Little Nervous Going In

Rousseau admitted he was a little nervous going in. "Yeah, but I had a good support group in Dwight (varsity Coach Dwight Northrup) and Glenn (JV Coach Glenn Olson). I'd played for Dwight for four years and coached with Glenn in the Suburban leagues. Plus, I knew (Athletic Director) Kathy McSweeney. They all made me feel comfortable."

There is usually a reason for a team's success. "They definitely played as a team. No one was out for themselves. Here's an example. Our center-midfielder, Erik Serna, was one of the better offensive players in a position where goals are a little easier to come by. He didn't score one all year long. Yet, he had 10 or more assists. Erik was always looking for the open shooter. A lot of the kids were like that; unselfish," Rousseau explained.

"We stressed three things - keep things simple, pass the ball around, and take the open shot if you have it," he added. The team broke down the opposition's defense with their passing skill. "I tried to have them think two passes ahead," the coach explained.

They were also a tightly knit group. "They liked each other off the field. I've been on some teams where the kids had to like each other when they

were playing, but they were strangers once the game ended. Not so with this bunch," Rousseau smiled.

There were many on the team who the coach will remember. But one stands out. "Yeah, Nate Patterson. He was like my assistant coach. Nate would always be the first one at practice. He'd carry out the ball bag. At the start of the season, he didn't play much. But, he was always up, always positive, and lifting the spirits if one of his teammates was down. He even lifted mine on a couple occasions," Rousseau said.

"Nate wasn't the best player I had. But, I don't think his best skills lay in playing the game. He'll make an excellent coach someday."

Truly Outstanding Games

There were some truly outstanding games for the coach in what was an outstanding season. "I'll remember the first Ludlow game, which we won 1-0. It was a battle at our place that could have gone either way."

Both West Springfield games also stand out. They won the first at the High School, 2-1, then went to the Terriers' turf for the season-ender and that 1-0 loss, Rousseau remembers.

"It was another awesome game, highlighted, I thought, by the courage of Brian Knight. His brother, Chris, had died only 36 hours earlier. He wasn't in school the day of the game. But, he showed up. Brian is a good player, but he was even better that afternoon. We all wore armbands in honor of Chris. There was a lot of emotion. The game could have gone either way."

You would think on a team with a record like theirs that just about everything was as right as right could be. "Most of it was. If there was one thing we might have done better, it was not to get complacent. We rolled over so many teams during the first half of the season, that we kind of lost focus in some of our mid-season practices. The kids probably thought they could just show up and come away with a win. Their practice habits picked up after that 2-1 win over West Side," Rousseau noted.

The nature of freshman sports is that all of them are gone next season. That, of course,



VINNIE TIRONE (left) and JOHN LYNCH were standouts on the freshman boys' soccer team this fall. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

means the coach is, in essence, always starting over. "That is a challenge. It's a little like Halloween; from year-to-year, you never know what you'll get in the bag. There will be new personalities. There might be a goof-off or two. There might be a superstar in the mix. And there will always be a few kids just like the ones you had before," the new coach laughed.

The following student-athletes comprised Agawam High's 1998 freshman boys' soccer team:

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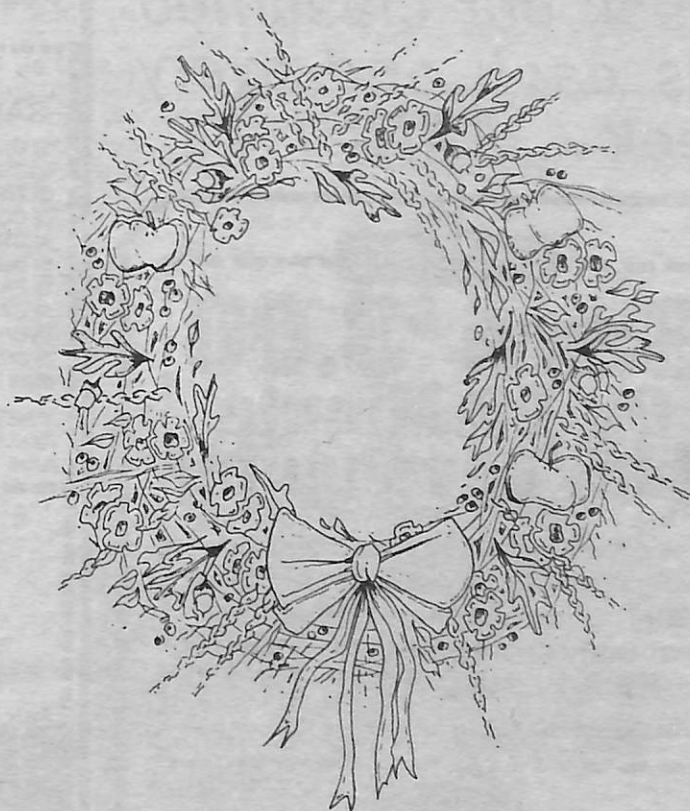
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This program is a three-part workshop on self-defense and preventative strategies for this age group. In today's society, we take preventative measures for our children regarding their health and well-being.

We try to insure that their lives are safe and secure, but as they grow older, we can't, and won't, always be with them on every excursion, outing, or group trip. These workshops are designed to keep young women aware, trust their instincts, and be prepared to protect themselves.

The dates for the Monday evening workshops are November 23rd, November 30th, and December 7th at the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center, 1342 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 6:15-7:15. There is no charge for these workshops as it is part of the Community Service Project offered by the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center and sponsored by the American Hapkido Association.

Pre-registration is required by November 20th. For more information or to register, contact Joanie Wollmerhauser at the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center at 789-1001.

The 1998 Pee wee Cheerleading Squad...



CONGRATULATIONS to the 1998 Pee wee cheerleaders for a job well done! Kneeling: Jessica Kodess, Julie Motalvo, Linda Fortunato, Lauren Maloney, Katarina Porth, Alexandra Hawkes, and Courtney Cowell. Standing: Rachael Dionne, Makila Messier, Lauren Sotlatatto, Egypt Dunbar, Ashley Juliano, Ashley Brinkman, and Katelyn Morytko.

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Shotgun Deer Season Just Around The Corner

The Massachusetts shotgun season on deer is set to open on November 30th and run through December 12th. Archery season ends November 21st.

Muzzle loaders will get their chance during the primitive firearms season, which runs from December 14th through December 19th.

The deer outlook is good, and a healthy number of deer are expected to be taken. Remember that safety comes first at all times. There is no excuse for hunting accidents.

No self-respecting hunter would take a chance shot without not only making sure of his or her target, but making sure that a clean, killing hit is made.

CHESAPEAKE BAY STRIPERS

Over the weekend, I will be joining a conference on the spawning habitat of striped bass and proposed fishing regulations. We are not out of the woods yet as far as the stripers are concerned. Commercial interests want the harvest to include the stripers.

I will also have a chance to get out on the Bay with another fishing fanatic who is just as passionate and die-hard about fishing as I am.

I will be climbing aboard the Sassy Lady out of Virginia for a couple of days of hopefully non-stop marathon action.

If the bite is on as good as has been reported, it should be quite an exciting couple of days. Since this is probably the last striper trip of the season, I am hoping some red-hot action will end it with a bang.

As the New England coast turns cold and the stripers migrate south, the salt water scene will turn to winter cod fishing. During the winter, the cod migrate closer to shore and are usually more accessible.

Later, after the first of the year, I will be putting together another winter cod trip for those readers that need to get urgent treatment for cabin fever.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Smallmouth bass are being taken in the Connecticut River, but slow presentations are the keys to success. Occasional largemouth have been suckered into taking slow-jigged offerings.

Yellow perch and crappies have been showing up at the mouth of the Agawam and Chicopee River. Some of the perch are real jumbos. Try small maribou jigs with a pin head shiner.

SALT WATER

Stripers and a few mixed-in blues are being taken at the Rhode Island Breechways and beaches. The picking is getting slim, however.

Tautog have been taken in larger sizes recently. Rock piles and reefs with mussel beds seem to be top-rated spots for those who can manage to get out when the wind dies down.

Signups Being Held For Spring Season By Agawam Soccer Assoc.

Pioneer Valley Soccer Signups

The Agawam Soccer Association will be holding signups for spring Pioneer Valley Soccer on Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Public Room of the Agawam Public Library.

The Pioneer Valley League has pushed up their timetable for submission of rosters and passes, so if you plan on playing in the spring, it is MANDATORY that you sign up on time!

In-Town Spring Soccer Season Is Back!

The Agawam Soccer Association will also be taking signups for a spring in-town league soccer season for ages seven through 14.

Details about this program will be available at the aforementioned signup date.

High School Players

The spring season is an opportunity for all high school players to also join PV and play in their appropriate age/grade groups.

As in the past, Agawam Soccer will submit as many teams as we have registered players. Please note that the December 5th signup is the LAST time you will be able to register to play in the spring.

If not enough players are signed up at this time, we cannot submit rosters for these teams. Please encourage your teammates and friends to sign up on time!

In The Ever-Exciting Tri-Parish Bowling League...

First-Place Catholic University Is Just 1½ Teensy-Weensy Points Ahead Of Holy Cross

As of Monday, November 9th, first-place Catholic University (24.5-11.5) retained its 1½-point lead over second-place Holy Cross (23-13) in the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

While these two behemoths are battling it out for the league's top spot, St. Mary's (20-16) is sitting in third, followed closely by Fordham (19-17) and Boston College (18.5-17.5).

St. Anselm's and Notre Dame are currently tied at 16.5-19.5 apiece, and St. Michael's is breathing down both of their respective necks with its record of 16-20.

However, the really big news on the lanes is that Georgetown is no longer in last place. Well, let me rephrase that; Georgetown is no longer ALONE in last place. With its 14-22 standing, St. Louis has tied G-Town for the bottom-of-the-bowling-barrel title, thereby unburdening poor ol' G-Town of some of the embarrassment that its team members have had to endure this season.

For the second week in a row, G-Town managed to win more games than its opponent. On the second Monday of this month, St. Louis fell to G-Town, 3-1 (which is why G-Town has company on the lowest rung of the Tri-Parish ladder).

Meanwhile, Holy Cross dominated St.

Michael's, 3-1; Catholic University had its way with Notre Dame, 3-1; Fordham got the better of St. Anselm's, 3-1; and Boston College and St. Mary's each wound up with two wins.

BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY was the men's leading scorer on this particular evening, having rolled a whopping 147 single string and 395 triple string. RON "The Don" MENARD was also very impressive, courtesy of his 146 single and 361 triple.

As for the other high-scoring guys on November 9th, the results included GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS (143, 337), "Richy" RICH SNYDER (130, 330), "Jolly" OLLY MULDER (112, 314), "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (114, 312), and FRANK "The Tank" CERPOVICZ (114, 306).

"Testy" BETSY CANNON (121 single string, 311 triple string) was the ladies' top roller on this night, and she closely edged by "The Mighty" DEB POIRIER (109 single, 311 triple).

"Mean" JEAN BUONICONTI (114, 303) turned in a fine performance, too, as did JAN "Not The Man" FULLER (105, 295), BARBARA "Barb Wire" JOSEPHSON (104, 293), "Sly" VI MASSOIA (104, 291), and MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (106, 290).

Blandford Ski Area To Hold Gigantic Ski Sale On Dec. 5th

On Sunday, December 6th, the Blandford Ski Area will host a gigantic ski sale in partnership with the Ski-In ski shops of Wilbraham and Agawam.

New and used ski and snowboard equipment as well as winter apparel will be on sale for savings of up to 75 percent.

Memberships in the Springfield Ski Club, owner and operator of the Blandford Ski Area since 1936, will also be available for just \$179 per person, a \$20 saving off the regular season rate. This pre-season rate will be offered until December 6, 1998.

Memberships include a season pass and discounted ski and snowboard lessons at Blandford Ski Area; a Stratton Express Card for just \$20 (reg. \$89) for savings of 25-50 percent off lift tickets at Stratton Mt., Vermont (just a two hour drive from Springfield); eligibility to enter club races and join the Blandford Race Team; and discounted tickets to club social events!

There will also be a ski swap area for club members to show, sell, and swap their used gear.

Blandford's PSIA Ski Sale, the Blandford Ski Area Race Team, Club Board of Directors, and mountain staff will be on hand to answer your questions or show you around. It's a great chance to visit and hike around our mountain. Weather permitting, hot air balloon rides will be available at a nominal fee for a unique view of our mountain.

The Blandford Ski Area, located about ½-hour west of Springfield (just off Rte. 20) in Blandford, MA, has been providing friendly, affordable, family skiing and riding since 1936 and is the oldest continuously operating, club-owned ski area in North America.

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A tie game would make both teams champions. A win for either team would them the champs. The two teams met twice before with a tie and a 1-0 win for the Bulldogs.

The Attack was ready for the Bulldogs this time. The Attack controlled the first part of the game, putting numerous shots on the goal by forwards Mike Woods, Brian Costello, Ryan Walsh, Joe McCarthy, and Andy Burroughs.

Halfbacks Matt Sadowski, Seamus Moran, Justin Robinson, Andy Kretschmar, Alex White, Chris Ghidoni, and Dan Serna helped the forwards put the pressure on the Bulldogs, but the Bulldogs' goalie was not ready to be beat. Late in the first half, center forward Ryan Walsh scored on a rebound shot, putting the Attack up 1-0.

Second-half goals by halfbacks Matt Sadowski and Seamus Moran put the Attack up 3-0 over the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs' offense was stopped a number of times by the awesome defensive play of fullbacks Matt Weis and Ryan Gallagher, along with the great goaltending of Ryan McGuire.

Ryan McGuire helped the Attack not only stopping the ball from going in the net, but by punting the ball back in to play over half the field to keep the pressure on the Bulldogs.

In the end, the Attack outplayed the Bulldogs to get a 3-0 win for the championship.

Congratulations to the Attack and their coaches for an 8-1-3 season.



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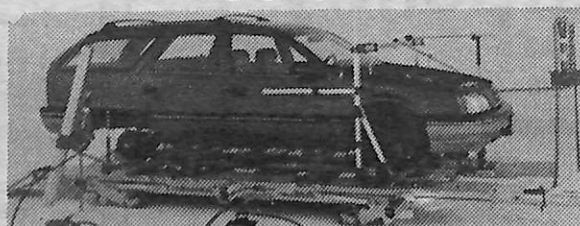
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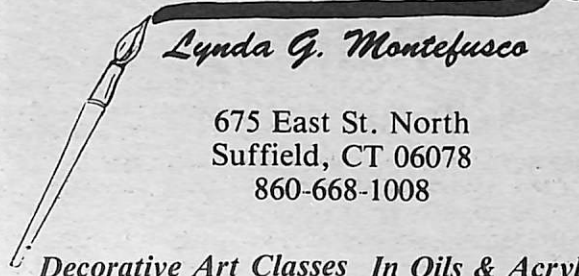


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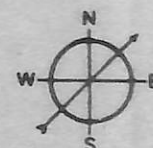
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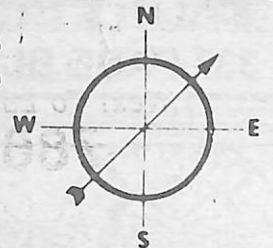
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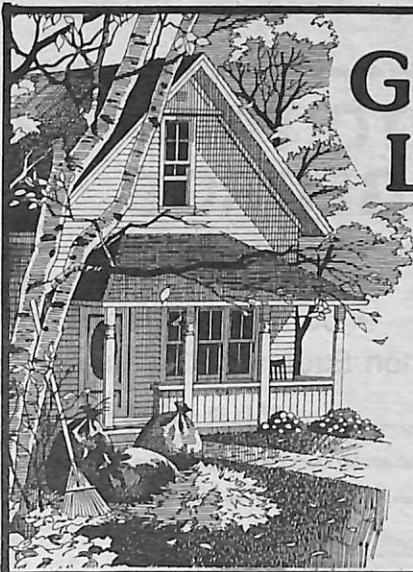
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